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Jan 5, 1953.

Mr Hoover.
Washington D.C.
Revised Version of the Bible

Dear Sir.

If you be at liberty to do so would you please give me some informat-
ion. In regards to the Revised Version
of the Bible. Our paper carried an 9-1
article on some of the men leading 1-1
this group. Stating Dr Luther A Weigle
formes head of University Divinity School
of Yale, is known to be affilated with
comunist organizations also some of
the others. I want to lead my churches
in the correct way. If this be true I
would appreciate much something
explaining there back ground. If you
can not give out information I
thank you any way. May God's blessings
rest upon you.

Harold Price

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DR LUTHER A WEIGLE
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February 13, 1953

Reverend Harold Pierce
3515 Fourth Avenue
Parkersburg, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Pierce:

Your letter postmarked February 6, 1953, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the scope of its prescribed authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character and integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules, and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or that we do not have the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Frequent inquiries have been made of the Bureau recently relative to subversive activities and affiliations of many of the men associated with the Revised Version of the Bible. Information substantiating these allegations appears in Bufiles.

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover,
Bureau Investigation,
Washington D C .

Newton Ill Jany 16th 1953.

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Dear Sir: Allow me to congratulate you, on your decision to remain in your position as chief investigator of all crimes in our glorious country.

I wish there were more men of your capacity, who are not just out for the money, but for the good of our country, and, if such were the case, I am sure we would have a much better country.

There is a matter that confronts our country, and which I am very much worried about. Revised Version of the Bible

That is the new bible which has recently been foisted upon an unsuspecting people, and the more I study it, the more, I am convinced, that the communists had a great deal to do with it, they have taken away the Divinity of the birth of Christ, as well as many other vital christain matters .

Perhaps you have the list of the men who were responsible for the translation of this new So Called Bible, however, I am herwith sending you the principal list, and I trust, if at all possible, you will give me the communistic leanings of these men, for already there are several translators known to have communistic leanings, and it has been their aim in my opinion to produce a bible, that will teach the coming generation along the communistic lines, and eventually will destroy the full meaning of the Christain Bible.

Luther A Weigle, Yale University, Julius A Newer, Union Theological Seminary,
Henry J Sedbury, Harvard University, Edgar J Goodspeed University Of Chicago,
James Moffatt Union Theological Seminary, (Deceased)
William R Taylor University of Toronto (Deceased)
Walter Russell Bowie, Union Theo Seminary, Geo Dahl Yale University,
Fred C Grant Union Theo Seminary, Wm A Irwin, un of Chicago,
Willard L Sperry, Harvard University, Leroy Waterman University Of Mich,
Millar Burrows, Yale University, Clarence T Craig Oberlin Graduate School Theolog
Abdel R Wentz Lutheran Theo Seminary, Kyle M Yater Sou Baptist Theo Seminary,
Wm F Albright, John Hopkins University, J Philip Hyatt Vanderbilt University,
Herbert G May Oberlin Graduate School, Jas Muilenburg, Union Theo Seminary,
Harry M Orlinsky, Jewish Institute of religion, Fleming James Univ of the South.
I have some information, that some of these men are affiliated with communistic

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organizations, and I feel it is the duty of every american citizen, who has the protection of his country at heart to do all in his power to ferrit out all those subservise elements in our government as well as in all our national institutions, of which the Church is a vital part. 38052

Therefore, If at all possible, I trust you will give me the information asked for in order that I amy be in a position to back up the assertions which I am from time to time required to make in combatting the overthrow of our national religion.

Thanking you for your attention the the above requesr,

Iam Very Truly

L A Richards.

L A Richards

PS. While two of the translators are now deceased, they had their say in the part they did translate before their death. L A R.

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January 23, 1953

Mr. L. A. Richards
Newton, Illinois

Dear Mr. Richards:

Your letter dated January 16, 1953, has been received, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind message. It is my hope that my efforts will continue to merit your esteem.

Although I would like to be of service, I am unable to be of assistance to you in the matter you mentioned since information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I wish to point out in this connection that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the scope of its prescribed authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character and integrity of any organization or individual. I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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NOTE: Many of the individuals named assisted with the New Revised Edition of the Bible have been brought to the Bureau's attention as having been affiliated with organizations cited by the Attorney General as Communist front organizations. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Caledonia, Michigan,
January 17, 1953.

The F.B.I.,
Washington, D.C.

38054

Dear Sirs:

I am the Methodist minister in this town, and am writing to you for information concerning a certain matter of importance. One lady in my congregation is very much disturbed about a direct report of the F.B.I. in Washington. It deals with the fact, she says, that many of the scholars who worked on the Revised Version of the Bible are Communists or members of organizations purported to be Communistic. Of course I don't believe it, but I must have some facts first-hand to deal with this problem publicly.

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Have you condemned in any way such men as Luther A. Weigle of Yale, George Dahl of Yale, James Muilenburg of the Pacific School of Religion, James A. Brewer of Union Theological Seminary, J. Philip Hyatt of Vanderbilt University, Harry M. Orinsky, Jewish Institute of Religion, William A. Irwin of the University of Chicago, Fleming James of the University of the South? I wait for your answer. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Rev. V.B. Niles.

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January 23, 1953

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Reverend V. B. Miles
Caledonia, Michigan

Dear Mr. Miles:

Your letter dated January 17, 1953, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, I must advise that in accordance with a Departmental regulation data contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this regulation and no inference will be drawn because of my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

For your additional information, I would also like to point out that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency and it is not within the prescribed functions of this Bureau to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual. Therefore the allegation attributed to a member of your congregation regarding a report of this Bureau is without any foundation in fact.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Bureau indices negative re correspondent.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: Correspondent enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope which is being utilized in forwarding reply.

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Honorable Robert J. Corbett
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter dated January 26, 1953, and the enclosure have been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

For your information, data contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only in accordance with a Departmental regulation. Therefore, I am unable to comply with the request of your constituent, and I am sure he will understand the necessity for this regulation and no inference will be drawn that we do or do not have in our files the information which he requested.

In the event your constituent has any information reflecting that these or other individuals have engaged in subversive activities, this Bureau would be pleased to receive such information.

The enclosure to your communication is being returned herewith for the completion of your files.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

NOTE ON YELLOW ONLY: Correspondent forwarded portion of letter received from constituent asking for information concerning 22 individuals. An examination of this enclosure reflects it in all probability relates to individuals who assisted in some manner in the compilation or preparation of the new revised standard version of the Bible which is the subject of current public controversy and concerning which the Bureau has received previous inquiries.

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Photostat of returned enclosure retained for completion of Bufiles.

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ROBERT J. CORBETT
30TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH ADDRESS:
503 FEDERAL BUILDING

COMMITTEE:
POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

SECRETARIES:
WILLIAM A. IRVINE
SAMUEL WALKER

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 26, 1953

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir: © Revised Version of the Bible

I am enclosing a list of names I have received from a constituent of mine who has reason to believe that a number of these men were members of the Communist Party or belonged to subversive organizations.

I would deeply appreciate you informing me of any information you may have from your files regarding these men, if such a request is in order.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Corbett

ROBERT J. CORBETT, M.C.

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January 29, 1953

Honorable Robert J. Corbett
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

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In the event your constituent has any information reflecting that these or other individuals have engaged in subversive activities, this Bureau would be pleased to receive such information.

The enclosure to your communication is being returned herewith for the completion of your files.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Wyoming, Pa.,
Feb. 13, 1953.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover -

38056

Dear Sir - Since the issuance of the revised version of the Bible and its acceptance by the Methodist Church, I have learned to my dismay that leaders of the Federal or National Council of Churches and officials in our own denomination as well as the translators of this godless book are members of Communist organizations. Some of the members of a study class on missions which I teach are taking the word of such men that there is no difference made in the Bible. To prove otherwise, would you please send me a list of the subversive organizations to which such men as Harry Emerson Fosdick, Francis [illegible], Connelly Oxnam, Stanley Jones, Luther Weigle, [illegible] belong.

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Also to what Communistic groups Cadbury, Craig, Moffat, Goodspeed or any other questionable ones (the translators) belong? I have quotations from some of their works and know they have no love of God in their hearts.

What is the standing of the Y.M.C.A. in regard to subversive activities and also the committee for social action of the Methodist Church?

I do not think I am asking for any secret information, for I have seen the names of some Communistic groups that several of the above belong to, but I am so desirous of this information that I may prove definitely to my class that this thing which they have been asked to accept is written by men with the purpose of destroying their faith. This matter has laid much on my heart. I shall anxiously await your answer.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. Ralph M. Lyckman
Box 798
Marysville, Pennsylvania

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Mrs. Ralph M. Ryckman
Box 798
Murrysville, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Ryckman:

The interest prompting you to communicate with me on February 13, 1953, is indeed appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, I am unable to answer your inquiries since information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the scope of its prescribed authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do or that we do not have the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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NOTE: The affiliations of numerous individuals associated with the Revised Version of the Bible with subversive or Communist-front organizations have heretofore been brought to the attention of the Bureau.

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Albany, Kentucky
March 9, 1953

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am wondering if you could take the time to answer a few questions. I would like to know about the interpretation of the new revised Standard Version of the Bible. NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE BIBLE

From all literature and comments I have read on the men who changed the Bible, they are associated with Communist front associations in this nation. I would like to know if this is true. There is Luther A. Weigle of Yale University, Dr. Russell Bowie, and Julius A. Bewer of Union Theological Seminary and 8 others that I find are [illegible] Communist front associations. Is the name of these men true, and I would like to know if it is true

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That these men are connected with Communist front Organizations in this Nation.

I heard Captain Bundy state Mr. Hoover, director of F.B.I. "There is a greater percentage of communists in the U.S now compared to population than in Russia when Russia fell to the communists." He stated too That Americans should learn the Real to learn about this Red Fascism. I would like to know, where I may secure literature concerning the Communist.

If these enterprises are Communists can anything be done to stop the publication of the new Bible?

Yours truly
Elsie Ferguson

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March 23, 1953

Miss Eleta Ferguson
Albany, Kentucky

Dear Miss Ferguson:

Your letter of March 9, 1953, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character and integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have the information you requested.

Enclosed is some material which I thought you might like to read, including my statement of March 26, 1947, before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives. You will note that the first paragraph on page six of this statement relates to the quotation which you state Captain Bundy attributes to me.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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How to Fight Communism
Make the Communists Show Their Own Colors
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MARCH 24, 1953

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, CHAIRMAN
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS I HAVE BEEN COLLECTING AND STUDYING THE TRANSLATIONS AND VERSIONS OF THE HOLY BIBLE IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

AS YOU KNOW SEPTEMBER 30, 1952, THERE APPEARED ON THE MARKET A NEW REVISED VERSION OF THE HOLY BIBLE. I AM VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THIS VERSION, AND PERSONALLY THINK IT IS ONE OF OUR MORE ACCURATE VERSIONS.

WE HAVE NEARBY A LOCAL MINISTER WHO IS STRONGLY CRITICIZING THIS VERSION. HE STATES IN HIS SERMONS THAT THIS WORK WAS DONE BY TEN OR MORE MEN WHO HAVE BEEN OR ARE NOW AFFILIATED WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY. I WILL NOT BELIEVE THIS INFORMER UNTIL I RECEIVE FULL INFORMATION FROM SOMEONE WHO IS IN A POSITION TO KNOW.

I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING ME AS TO WHETHER DR. WEIGLE OR ANY OF THE REVISORS ARE AFFILIATED WITH ANY UN-AMERICAN PARTY.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

S. S. Sampson

S. S. SAMPSON

SSS:JR

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ack 3-30-53 cc-Richmond

March 30, 1953

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Mr. S. S. Sampson
304 West Main Street
Abingdon, Virginia

Dear Mr. Sampson:

Your letter dated March 24, 1953, has been received and the motives which prompted your communication are appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, I must advise that in accordance with a Departmental regulation data contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this regulation and no inference will be drawn because of my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

In the event you receive data which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Richmond Office located at 501 Southern States Building, Richmond 19, Virginia.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SAC, Richmond - Bureau indices negative re correspondent. Previous inquiries have been received at the Bureau requesting information concerning individuals who were interested in the preparation of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. All such inquiries have been answered in this manner.

NOTE ON YELLOW - Correspondent enclosed stamped addressed return envelope which is being utilized.

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C

dear Sir.

I would like some literature on the stand that Bishop Oxnam & others in the clergy have taken, that is Un American. The new Revised version of the Bible is in question. Can you give me information on that.

Thank you

Very Sincerely

Mrs. G. A. Starkebaum

BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM
D.C.

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Haxtun Colo
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C

Dear Sir.

I would like some literature on the stand that Bishop Oxnam & others in the clergy have taken, that is Un American. The new Revised Version of the Bible is in question. Can you give me information on that.

Thank you

Very Sincerely

/s/ Mrs. G. A. Starkebaum

December 3, 1953

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Mrs. G. A. Starkebaum
Haxtun, Colorado

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Dear Mrs. Starkebaum:

Your letter dated November 23, 1953, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-finding agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - Denver, with copy of incoming.
ATTENTION SAC: Numerous inquiries have been received concerning the New Revised Version of the Bible. Information has been received indicating that certain persons associated with it ~~has been made known to us relative to their being~~ have been affiliated with Communist front organizations.

NOTE: Correspondent's name could not be clarified by a check of telephone directory.

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Darlington Pa
91 Mar 20 1954

Mr J Edgar Hoover
Dear Sir

Please send me the information concerning the subversives activities of the Translators of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Yours Truly
miss Myrtle Duncan
Darlington
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Miss Myrtle Duncan
Route 2
Darlington, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Duncan:

Your letter postmarked April 2, 1954, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-finding agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual or organization.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: We have received numerous inquiries concerning individuals associated with the New Revised Version of the Holy Bible, and Bufiles reflect that numerous of such individuals have been affiliated with Communists or Communist front groups.

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"Come Ye, and let us go up to the HOUSE of GOD and HE will teach us HIS ways." ISA-2:38

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AUGUST 3. 1954.

MR. EDGAR J. HOOVER.

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DEAR SIR.

YOU FIND INCLOSED A BOOK. THIS BOOK AND MANY OTHERS BOOKS TELL ABOUT THE NEW BIBLE THAT PUT OUT BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. IF THIS BOOK AND OTHERS BOOKS BEING PRINTED IS TRUE. THE BACK GROUND OF THE NEW BIBLE IS. COMMUNISM. I HAVE RAD AND STUDED THE BOOKS PUT OUT BY COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITES, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WASHINGTON. D.C. THAY ARE PUTING ON A BIG DRIVE AGAINST IT IN TEXAS. AND IT NOW BEING TOUGHT IN SOME OF OUR CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS IN TENNESSEE. I HAVE TWO SONS WENT THROUGH WAR 2. AND I AM AGAINST COMMUNISM COMING TO OUR COUNTRY. AND DESTROYING OUR KING JAMES BIBLE. THAT OUR FOUR FATHERS FOUGHT AND DIED FOR. IF THESE MEN THAT PRINTED THE NEW BIBLE ARE THE KIND OF MEN THIS BOOK SAYS THAY ARE I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IT. I WAS CONVERTED 30 YEARS AGO. AND BEEN TAUGHT ALL MY LIFE THAT THE KING JAMES VERSION BIBLE WAS RIGHT. I READ OVER IN REV. 20? 18-19 VERSES WHAT WILL HAPPIN TO MEN THAT TAKE AWAY OR ADD ON TO THIS BIBLE.

RECORDED 100-41 2 AUG 1954

I HATE TO WRITE YOU ABOUT THIS. BUT I AM INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT THE TRUTH. YOURS TRULY.

W.F. BAKER.

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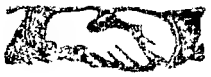
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The Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyrighted by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., was presented with much ado to the public on September 30, 1952. Three thousand, four hundred rallies were held under the auspices of the National Council and its local councils of churches. These celebrations occurred before people had on opportunity to examine the Bible.

With the book now in hand it is evident that such fundamental changes have been made that it would be nothing short of a calamity of infinite proportions if the book should be accepted by the English-speaking world, and replace the King James Version. The New Testament section had previously been issued, but the Old Testament was not available until September 30. Here are basic objections to the version.

I

ISAIAH 7:14

The prophecy of the virgin birth of Christ is eliminated from the Old Testament. Isaiah 7:14, the beloved passage used particularly at Christmas time, has been changed. The word "virgin" in reference to the coming Messiah has been removed, and the words "a young woman" have been substituted. Yet, Matthew 1:22 specifically declares that this prophecy was given by the Lord—"spoken of the Lord by the prophet," and had been fulfilled in the birth of Jesus Christ of the virgin Mary.

The King James Version of Isaiah 7:14 reads:

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

The new National Council Bible reads:

"Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

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The NCC Bible has a tiny footnote (and there are many of them on almost every page) which indicates that the reading here could mean "virgin." The note says, "Or *virgin.*" This, however, in no way relieves the responsibility for translating the text itself leaving out the word "virgin."

In the Hebrew the word used is *"almah"* which means "virgin," and is translated in other Old Testament passages in the King James Version as "virgin." It is translated "virgin" in Genesis 24:43 and in the Song of Solomon 1:3 and 6:8. In these instances the Revised Standard Version substitutes "young woman" or "maiden." The context clearly indicates that "virgin" in the Genesis 24 passage has to do with Rebekah before her marriage to Isaac. The Septuagint, the Greek version of the Old Testament, made by 70 scholars about 270 B.C., translated *"almah"* by the Greek word *"parthenos,"* which means "virgin." Matthew 1:23, written in the first century A.D., quoting this passage, also translated it *"parthenos,"* "virgin." The other versions always retained "virgin" — the Latin Vulgate of the fourth century A.D., the English Revised Version of 1881, and the American Standard Version of 1901. If the Revised Standard Version translators had had any doubt about the meaning in Isaiah 7:14, such facts ought to have settled it. Actually the use of *"almah"* to mean "young woman" is a later Jewish interpretation which has gotten into our lexicons.

To break the force of the predictive nature of this passage of Isaiah, written 750 years before Christ was born, in such a way, is inexcusable, and we do not believe the true church will accept such handling of God's infallible Word.

Confusion and contradiction are introduced, for in the new Bible in Matthew 1:23, which is supposed to be a quotation and a fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14, the word "virgin" is retained. Who is right and who is wrong? Thus Isaiah and Matthew do not agree; yet Matthew appears to claim that Isaiah said something which he did not say.

The virgin birth of Christ has been one of the key points at which the whole modernist attack upon the Scriptures can be tested. The late Dr. J. Gresham Machen, author of *The Virgin Birth of Christ*, the most exhaustive and scholarly study of the subject of the virgin birth ever produced in

the history of the Christian church, made this point specifically. Now the NCC's new Bible emphasizes all this afresh.

At the time of the issuing of the new Bible, in my position as president of the International Council of Christian Churches, I released a statement to the press calling attention to this fundamental flaw.

Kenneth Dole, reporter for the Washington *Post*, Washington, D.C., gave my statement in a news story and took occasion to ask Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean emeritus of Yale Divinity School and chairman of the committee of 32 scholars who wrote the new revision, about my charge. Dr. Weigle, who was attending a mass meeting in Washington celebrating the new Bible, replied, according to Mr. Dole:

"'Young woman' was used simply because that's what the Hebrew means.

"You can take it for granted that whatever is printed there is what the original language said. We can't be influenced by what people like or don't like in the way the words affect their theology."

Mr. Dole continued: "However, a footnote for 'young woman' says 'or virgin.' Asked why this alternative was used when the Hebrew doesn't say it, Dr. Weigle explained: 'Simply because it was the traditional word. We wouldn't put anything in a footnote that was remote from the truth.'"

If "young woman" is what the Hebrew means, to put a footnote in because it was the "traditional word" only confuses, and reflects on the translators themselves.

Thomas Nelson and Sons, printers of the Bible, in their publicity on the inside of the jacket declared: "It contains no changes in doctrine or fundamental concepts." But this removal of the virgin birth from the Old Testament is a basic change both in doctrine and fundamental concept and apparently Dr. Weigle in his confused reply admits this much.

The Holy Spirit Answers

The Holy Spirit surely anticipated these attacks upon Isaiah 7:14 and He placed His sentinels on guard in such a way that the layman, unfamiliar with

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the question of manuscripts and higher criticism, would forever have an answer to such assaults. As always, the Bible carries its own credentials.

First, the context of Isaiah 7:14, beginning with verse 10, speaks of a sign or a miracle, "Moreover the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God." God placed no limits on this sign. He said, "Ask it either in the depth, or in the height above." "But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord."

God then announced that He would give a sign: "Hear ye now, O house of David." It is not to Ahaz, but to the house of David that the sign is actually given.

"Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?" God is going to give a sign that will forever settle any question about His faithfulness.

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive." This is a miracle, one of the greatest of all miracles. If, however, the passage reads, "Behold, a young woman shall conceive," there is no sign whatever. Countless millions of young women have conceived and borne sons, and many have called their sons by the name "Immanuel." The word "virgin" has to be in this context for the passage to have any meaning!

Second, another sentinel is the translation of Isaiah 7:14 in Matthew 1:23. Matthew translated the Hebrew into the Greek under divine inspiration. Weigle and his committee were translating the Hebrew into English without divine inspiration, and, if they were inspired at all, it was by him who rules another realm and who hates the Son of God.

In other words, Matthew, an apostle, has given an inspired, infallible translation of the Hebrew *"almah"* into another tongue.

II

THE DEITY OF CHRIST

A check of key passages in the Old and New Testaments referring to the deity of the Messiah reveals that the NCC translators consistently removed or toned down references to Christ's deity.

MICAH 5:2

The King James Version reads:

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

The Revised Standard Version reads:

"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days."..

According to the King James Version, the Babe of Bethlehem had an eternal pre-existence, and this has always meant His deity as second person of the blessed Trinity.

According to the Revised Standard Version, the Babe of Bethlehem had an "origin" previously but this was limited to "ancient days." Christ's eternal pre-existence and deity are removed.

PSALM 45:6

The King James Version reads:

"Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre."

The Revised Standard Version reads:

"Your divine throne endures for ever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity."

The salutation of this person sitting upon the throne as God is thus removed. Christ's deity is taken away.

Hebrews 1:8 quotes Psalm 45:6 and in the Revised Standard Version it reads:

"But of the Son he says, 'Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever, the righteous scepter is the scepter of thy kingdom.'"

The Hebrews passage ceases to be a quotation of Psalm 45 and breaks the force of this New Testament claim of the deity of Christ.

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PSALM 2:11, 12

The King James Version reads:

"Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."

The Revised Standard Version reads:

"Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

The new version leaves out all reference to the Son. This removes His deity.

ZECHARIAH 9:9

The King James Version reads:

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

The Revised Standard Version reads:

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass."

The reference to the coming Messiah as a just one is removed and "triumphant" inserted. The reference to His salvation is replaced by "victorious." These references to His person and work have been removed.

ROMANS 9:5

The King James Version reads:

"Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen."

The Revised Standard Version reads:

"To them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ. God who is over all be blessed for ever. Amen."

The deity of Christ is removed entirely.

There is confusion and contradiction. To use such a Bible would be dishonoring to the Lord Jesus Christ by those who have been redeemed by His precious blood and who believe that He is the fullness of the Godhead, the eternal pre-existent second person of the Trinity become man that He might be the only Mediator of the new covenant.

III

THEE AND THOU, AND YOU AND YOURS

The King James Version universally uses "thee" and "thou" whether these pronouns apply to God or to man. If the translators of the new version were going to follow through uniformly they should use "you" and "yours" universally. But, for some reason—purely an arbitrary decision—they decided to retain "thee" and "thou" in the passages where deity is referred to, and "you" and "yours" elsewhere.

For example, in Matthew 16:16, the great confession of Peter in Caesarea Philippi, one would expect to find the reply to the question of Jesus, "But who do you say that I am?" translated, "Thou art the Christ." But, instead, the answer is, "You are the Christ." So He is just a man.

Psalm 2:7, a Messianic Psalm, in the King James Version reads:

"I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee."

The quotation of this in Hebrews 1:5 represents it as a proof of the deity of Christ, and the King James Version quotes it as such:

"Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee."

But with the new NCC Bible, it is all different. In Psalm 2:7 the words are:

"You are my son."

While in the quotation in the Book of Hebrews the words are:

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"Thou art my Son."

The New Testament group of translators evidently believed that this quotation did refer to deity, while the Old Testament group of translators believed that it refers only to a man. They apparently did not even compare notes.

The decision to keep "thee" and "thou" even in some places may be the very thing which will defeat this Bible, for here the translators have yielded to the hold which these expressions have on the hearts of people in indicating reverence and respect.

"Something Has Been Lost" is the title of an editorial in the Washington, D. C., *Evening Star*, October 1, which said:

"It is disappointing to find that the moving poetry and cadence of such sentences as 'He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside still water' have been lost in the change to 'He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.' Another such loss is found in the passage from St. Luke: 'But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: For of such is the Kingdom of God.' The verse now becomes, 'But Jesus called to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belong the kingdom of God."'"

Then the editorial adds: "One is inclined to believe that, despite the great circulation planned for the Revised Bible, it will not displace the King James version."

The Globe and Mail, Toronto, Canada, in an editorial observed:

"It is not to be assumed, however, that the so-called King James or Authorized Version of the Bible will be supplanted in any foreseeable future. Its unique position among the books of the English language, the majesty of its diction and the ingrained influence it has had on the speech and thought of English-speaking people, place it above challenge by any work of these times. The new revision might enable people to understand more clearly, but in the crises of life, it will be to the old and well-remembered language that the soul will turn for comfort and solace."

IV

WORDS OF MEN UNKNOWN

A major failure in the production of the whole work is evident in the fact that there is no indication whatsoever of the words not found in the original text which have been added by the translators. In the King James Version this is always indicated by italics, and one recognizes this when he reads. But in this new NCC Bible a multitude of opinions, divergencies, and differences can be and unquestionably have been buried from the sight of all by letting what the translators have added appear simply as a part of the text itself.

For example, in the new version, Romans 5:2 reads:

"We rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God."

The King James Version reads, in fidelity to the text:

"Rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

The NCC translators added the words "sharing" and "our" without any warrant in the text and without any indication to readers that they have done so. Such methods properly destroy confidence in the whole version. One does not know when the words are the opinion of the translators.

At this point it ought to be mentioned that the translators have set sections of the book in the form of poetry—the Psalms, the Book of Job, sections of the prophecies, and other portions—according to their own idea as to whether it is poetry or not. When one looks at the book, he thinks he is reading English verse since it is so similar to what he studied in high school.

V

JOHN 3:16

A beloved text is John 3:16.

The King James Version reads:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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The Revised Standard Version reads:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

The introduction of quotation marks into the new Bible is especially significant here. The Greek and Hebrew do not have quotation marks. The King James translators did not introduce them. The NCC translators did, and became more than translators—interpreters—for they decided when quotation marks began and ended.

In the conversation which Jesus had with Nicodemus, they end the quotation marks at John 3:15. Verse 16, which we have always believed to be an actual statement from the lips of Christ, is thus taken away from the mouth of our Lord. However, a footnote is added which reads, "Some interpreters hold that the quotation continues through verse 21." So they admit they are interpreters!

How is a young person reading this new Bible to feel when he comes to this passage and the force of John 3:16 is thus broken by the omission of quotation marks? These are serious matters as they relate to the mind of a young child.

VI

MAKING MERCHANDISE

The copyrighting of this Bible by the National Council of Churches makes it the National Council Bible. In the union of various groups which brought into being the National Council of Churches in 1950, replacing the old Federal Council, the National Council received from the International Council of Religious Education the plans which were being carried out for the production of this new Bible.

It is explained in the preface that this copyright is made in order to prevent the corrupting of the text, but this copyright gives the NCC exclusive control over the use to which the book shall be put, and no publisher may be permitted in any extended manner to quote or use this book without the permission of the NCC. The King James Version is not copyrighted by anyone and it has not been corrupted.

The National Council of Churches in holding the

copyright also receives the financial royalties from the sale of the book. This represents definite commercializing of the Bible by the NCC and making merchandise of the Scriptures for their own pecuniary profit.

Anyone who desires to aid the National Council of Churches financially may do so by purchasing its Bible. Those who do not approve of the National Council, its modernism, its inclusivism, and socialism, and do not desire to contribute to it financially should not purchase a copy of its Bible or encourage the sale and promotion of it.

This control of copyright also means that the Council may control the use of the text in Sunday school lessons, and the conditions on which Sunday school publications may use the texts. Already there are reports that the NCC will not permit the use of its Sunday school lessons if a paper carries other lessons too!

VII

"OFFICIAL BIBLE"

In the widespread publicity it has been declared that this is an "official" translation. Another word used repeatedly is "authorized." Thomas Nelson and Sons in their advertising have referred to it as an "authorized" version and then in small print have indicated, "Authorized by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A." The preface of the book says that it was authorized by the National Council of Churches in 1951.

The attempt has definitely been made by the NCC to give the impression that it is hereby publishing an "official" Protestant Bible. The assumption is that in some way the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. is in a position of authority to issue such an official volume. An official Bible is something new in the history of Protestantism, and we have here an effort on the part of the NCC to elevate itself to a position in the Protestant world where it will be "the authority." Actually, the translation undermines the authority of the Scriptures, and the National Council's authority is exalted. The whole process has an unsettling effect as to the trustworthiness of the Scriptures, while it produces honor

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and prestige and power for the National Council, the former Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. This shift in emphasis is characteristic both of the trend of the modern church and of the desire of liberal theologians.

The Roman Catholic Church has, of course, operated on the basis that its Pope and church officials give their imprimatur to its Bibles, but the Protestant world has never had any such practice until this present moment. It is a pretentious, presumptuous claim for the National Council of Churches to do this with the Bible.

The Bible belongs to all the people of God. The King James Version has its position in the Christian world simply because it has commended itself universally to Christian people. Woven into the hearts and memories of millions, it must continue to have first place in the English-speaking world until the day when a faithful translation, honoring the Hebrew and Greek text and including the changes in meaning of the few English words, may be forthcoming.

We do not rewrite Shakespeare and Tennyson to eliminate the so-called archaic words.

VIII

MODERNIST TRANSLATORS

Who are the men who translated this Bible? The committee is headed by Dr. Luther A. Weigle, former head of Yale University Divinity School, an outspoken modernist, and former Federal Council president.

Dr. Weigle has been affiliated with the Co-ordinating Committee to Lift the (Spanish) Embargo, cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as one of a number of front organizations set up by the Communist Party during the Spanish Civil War. He was also affiliated with the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, cited as a communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities; and affiliated with the National Religion and Labor Foundation set up by radicals in 1932 to propagandize "the new social order."

He was a signer of the "World Tomorrow" Poll

and voted in favor of socialism, a drastic increase in inheritance and income taxes, and for a co-operative commonwealth instead of capitalism.

The committee actually included in its membership a Jew, Harry M. Orlinsky, of the Jewish Institute of Religion, New York. A Jew does not accept the deity of Christ, but is unitarian in belief, and this helps to explain the unitarian emphasis dealing with the passages referring to the Messiah.

Walter Russell Bowie, of Union Theological Seminary, worked on the New Testament. He is well known as a radical, and has been a member of a number of communist-front organizations.

Dr. Bowie was related to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, cited as subversive and communist by Attorney General Tom Clark. This Committee is said to be one of the oldest auxiliaries of the Communist Party in the United States by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities. He was related to the American Committee to Save Refugees, cited as a communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, and also to the Church League for Industrial Democracy, cited by the Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities. He was a member of the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, cited as a communist organization by Attorney General Francis Biddle, and as a communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities. He was a member of the Civil Rights Congress, listed as subversive and communist by Attorney General Tom Clark. All together he has been named on 15 communist or communist-front organizations.

It should be observed that four of them are of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, hotbed of modernism and socialism; three of Yale Divinity School, a center of socialism and modernism.

The flap of the jacket on the new Bible carries the following statement:

The members of the Committee since 1937, listed in order of the date of appointment and with indication of their assignment to the Old Testament and New Testament sections, are:

LUTHER A. WEIGLE, Yale University, 1929—Old Testament and New Testament, Chairman

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JULIUS A. BEWER, Union Theological Seminary, 1930—Old Testament
HENRY J. CADBURY, Harvard University, 1930—New Testament
EDGAR J. GOODSPEED, University of Chicago, 1930—New Testament
JAMES MOFFATT, Union Theological Seminary, 1930-1944 (deceased) Old Testament and New Testament, Executive Secretary
WILLIAM R. TAYLOR, University of Toronto, 1931-1951 (deceased) Old Testament
WALTER RUSSELL BOWIE, Union Theological Seminary, 1937—New Testament
GEORGE DAHL, Yale University, 1937—Old Testament
FREDERICK C. GRANT, Union Theological Seminary, 1937—New Testament
WILLIAM A. IRWIN, University of Chicago, 1937—Old Testament
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CLARENCE T. CRAIG, Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, 1938—New Testament
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JAMES MUILENBURG, Union Theological Seminary, 1945—Old Testament
HARRY M. ORLINSKY, Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, 1945—Old Testament
FLEMING JAMES, University of the South, 1947—Executive Secretary of the Old Testament Section

What has happened, in our opinion, is that the modernists, men who question the inerrancy of the Scriptures and doubt basic, fundamental doctrines, fought first to capture the larger Protestant bodies

which made up the leadership of the Federal Council of Churches, now the NCC. Having accomplished this task and established themselves in these churches for the acceptance of the "inclusive church"—where believers and unbelievers can live and work together and the church may harbor all kinds of contradictory opinions concerning the Bible, Jesus Christ, and the way of salvation—these men have now laid hands on the holy Bible to use it for their own end and glory.

IX

NEO-ORTHODOX DOCTRINE IN PREFACE

The preface of this book is longer than that of the American Standard Version and does something which the American Standard Version does not presume to do. In its concluding paragraph, the preface of the NCC Bible contains a statement concerning the Bible itself. The American Standard Version simply explained in its preface the methods, procedures, and details of the translation, and made no comment, but the liberals in the National Council decided for some reason that they would move on into the realm of the very nature of the Bible itself and deliver a paragraph on this theme. They have given expression to the popular neo-orthodox viewpoint concerning the Bible.

Here we have the new modernism expressing itself in such a way that no reference whatever is made to the fact that the Bible *is* the Word of God or that the Bible is *inspired* by God. Following we give and discuss the entire paragraph.

"The Bible is more than a historical document to be preserved. And it is more than a classic of English literature to be cherished and admired."

One would think that with a statement of this kind we would then be told that the Bible *is* the Word of God, given by inspiration of God—that holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. But, no, since it is something extra, the writers of this, together with the NCC, simply tell us:

"It is a record of God's dealing with men, of God's revelation of Himself and His will."

Notice the reference to "a record." It is a reference to a record. It is not called an "inspired" record

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or a "true" or "infallible" record. The whole matter of the dependability and the infallibility of the record is completely eliminated. Yet, if the Bible is not this, it is not God's holy Word.

The paragraph continues:

"It records the life and work of Him in whom the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among men."

There is not one single word in this phrase that will not satisfy the modernist and neo-orthodox, and the whole thing is so designed that it can and will deceive the individual who is not aware of what is taking place.

"The Bible carries its full message, not to those who regard it simply as a heritage of the past or praise its literary style, but to those who read it that they may discern and understand God's Word to men."

This statement is one of the clearest neo-orthodox and Barthian sentences that could be spelled out. They do not read the Bible because it *is* the Word of God, but they read it in order that they might *discern* and understand what God's Word is. The neo-orthodox position is that the words of the Bible are not the words of God but that the words in the Bible may convey the Word of God to those who can discern it! Thus there is or may be error in the record and words, but, knowing this, men can still, if they will, "discern" the Word of God.

"That Word must not be disguised in phrases that are no longer clear, or hidden under words that have changed or lost their meaning. It must stand forth in language that is direct and plain and meaningful to people today."

Here again the neo-orthodox position is stated—"hidden under words." The historic position of the church and the orthodox position is that the language itself *is* the Word of God. The historic view is that of "verbal inspiration." "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The purpose of a translation is to convey in the dialect the meaning of the original languages, so that the Bible may be received as it is in deed and in truth the Word of God. Why do the translators not say so?

The last sentence reads: *"It is our hope and our earnest prayer that this Revised Standard Version of the Bible may be used by God to speak to men in these momentous times, and to help them to understand and believe and obey His Word."*

But what is "His Word"? It is not this Bible! It is not even the words of this Bible! It is that which the individual discerns as he endeavors to find what is "hidden under the words," whatever that may be.

I have quoted the entire paragraph. Had it been written by men who believe the Bible to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice, it would have said something like that. Read this paragraph over and over again, and see that what is not said, in view of what is attempted to be said, betrays the translators as being those who worked on a book which they did not believe or accept or understand to be the Word of the living and true God. As Christians, we cannot go along with such unbelief. God's written Word, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, must stand.

The inclusion of such a statement in the preface, which goes with every edition of this NCC Bible, will mislead and deceive—and I use that word deliberately—earnest and sincere readers of this book.

The historic Westminster Confession of Faith in its first chapter summarizes the original position of the great evangelical churches before modernism affected present-day teachings. The statement in the preface of the new Bible indicates just how far these churches in the National Council have departed from this historic position.

The Westminster Confession of Faith states:

"The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed and obeyed, dependeth not upon the testimony of any man or church, but wholly upon God, (who is truth itself,) the author thereof; and therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God" (Chap. I, sec. III).

"The Old Testament in Hebrew, (which was the native language of the people of God of old,) and the New Testament in Greek, (which at the time of the writing of it was most generally known to the nations,) being immediately inspired by God, and by his singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentical; so as in all con-

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troversies of religion the Church is finally to appeal unto them" (Chap. I, sec. VIII).

The modernist *Christian Century,* hailing the Revised Standard Version in a long editorial, concludes: "This is not to be interpreted as a call to a new bibliolatry. Such a perversion of the purpose for which the Bible exists is no longer possible throughout most of the churches, and in any case it is not wanted."

"Bibliolatry" is a word the modernists coined to describe those who believe in the infallibility of the Bible. It is ridiculous, for one who believes the Bible would not think of worshiping it or turning it into a form of idolatry, because the Bible commands the servants of Christ to worship only God. We worship God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; and we respect and honor God's Word for what it is!

It may be said that we have ignored favorable things that could be said about the RSV. When there is arsenic in a loaf of bread, one does not spend his time discussing the good ingredients of the bread, but warns against the arsenic—and properly so! The changes and defects in the RSV we have pointed out here are more dangerous to human souls than arsenic is to the body.

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A STRANGE SPECTACLE

We have witnessed a strange spectacle in the twentieth century. The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America copyrighted a book and then engineered a campaign for its promotion through its own local councils and churches and was successful in arousing the people throughout the land to believe that a tremendous historic occasion had arrived. More than one million and a half people, according to the Council's figures, attended meetings in praise of this book which they themselves had not even had an opportunity to see or to examine! The very genius of Protestantism is that each man gives an account of himself to God and that he examines, firsthand, facts and evidence to make sure if a thing is right or wrong.

When one asks individuals who participated in the celebrations why they were taking part, their

answer is that they were told that it was a new and valuable book—So-and-so said so, their pastor said so, the leaders of the church said so, So-and-so, So-and-so, So-and-so! But this is not the basis on which the Protestant view of the individual, his accountability and responsibility to God, has been built. This "herding" of people without their knowing what has happened can lead to very serious consequences not only in the life of the church but of a nation.

Now all of this will react as people find out the truth about the NCC Bible, and it will serve, we believe, as a real boomerang to the NCC. The Protestant churches in the National Council in the United States have turned aside to promote an ecumenical movement with the dream of a one-world church in which unity is placed above truth. This same herding of people, the same type of propaganda, is being carried on to accomplish this end.

The word "Calvary" no longer appears in the new Bible. Will our hymns with "Calvary" need to be changed? The Lord's Prayer is written to adopt the Roman Catholic form and deletes the last clause, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." A footnote adds this clause and then says they have some "ancient" authority for it. The leaders of the committee are active in the ecumenical movement, the World Council of Churches, which desires to include the Roman Catholics and have a "one-world church." All this fits into the pattern. Shall the Protestant churches now stop using the old form? Will the common use of the Roman Catholic form hasten the unity movement for the ecumenical church? When one sees such developments as these, he wonders if certain subjective elements did not affect the so-called scholars.

The people and the church that feed upon this new Bible will be a different people and a different church from those who feed upon the King James Version with its honoring of the deity of Christ and the virgin birth of our Lord. The effect of all this will be to pull down the church and the people's God to a lower level than that on which God's holy and infallible Word has kept and led the church through the centuries.

The program to effect all this has already been undertaken. The Methodist Church, for example, with its nine million members, is already using the

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new Bible in its Sunday school materials. The Association of Lutheran Editors, representing editors of Lutheran papers related to the various Lutheran denominations, recommended that the same be done for all Lutheran churches in the United States. The *Presbyterian Outlook*, liberal organ in the Southern Presbyterian Church, uses the new text and is leading a campaign to get pastors to accept it in their pulpits. The denominations in the NCC are expected to use their own Bible now.

The United Lutheran Church, a member of the National Council of Churches, in its 18th Biennial Meeting in Seattle, Wash., October 10, 1952, according to an Associated Press report, voted "after a hectic three-hour argument to accept the Revised Standard Version of the Bible." The church's Commission on Liturgy opposed, declaring it "would be highly unwise to give premature approval. . . ."

According to *Look* in a feature story $500,000 has been spent in initial promotion of the book.

On the other hand, vigorous opposition is beginning to be felt. Preachers are speaking against it from their pulpits, and some who were led to believe that the changes were only minor, in phraseology, and in no way altered the meaning are joining in vigorous activity to inform and alert God's people.

One of the most heart-breaking moves of all is seen in the fact that the American Bible Society, which was organized to print the Bible "without note or comment," has amended its charter and is now publishing portions of the new Bible, and the stage is set to publish later the whole National Council Bible with all its notes and remarks. Multiplied thousands of dollars in legacies through the years have been left to the American Bible Society to print the King James Version. The American Bible Society in 1950 became a part of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and is in the Council's Department of Foreign Missions. It furthers the National Council's program in many ways.

The impact of this new Bible is far greater than one can begin to realize. It will indeed be the modernists' Bible, and one will be able to tell, as time goes on and the lines are more clearly drawn, just who are the modernists and those who delight to follow the modernist leadership in the country.

Let the publication of this new Bible be used in

the hearts of all who see what has happened to stir them to alert others and to take part in the great Twentieth Century Reformation which is so definitely taking shape in our day. Let men everywhere rejoice that we live in a land of religious freedom where it is still possible to carry on a vigorous dissent and opposition.

"The word of the Lord endureth for ever."
(1 Peter 1:25.)

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Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
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Evangelical United Brethren Church
Evangelical Unity of Czech Moravian Brethren in North America
Five Years Meeting of Friends in America
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Greek Orthodox Church in America
International Convention of Disciples of Christ
The Methodist Church
Moravian Church In America
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National Baptist Convention of America
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
Protestant Episcopal Church
Reformed Church in America
Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity
Roumanian Orthodox Church of America
Russian Orthodox Church in North America
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church of North America
Ukranian Orthodox Church of America
United Lutheran Church in America
United Presbyterian Church of North America

If you are a member of one of these churches, you are in the National Council (NCC), and the new Bible was presented in your name.

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August 9, 1954

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Mr. W. E. Baker
Baker Realty and Auction Company
Post Office Box 342
Crossville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Baker:

Your letter of August 3, 1954, with enclosures, has been received.

While I appreciate the interest which prompted your communication, I must advise you that information in the files of the FBI is strictly confidential and available for official use only. I would also like to point out that, since this Bureau is a fact-finding agency, we do not draw conclusions or make evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

Please do not assume from this either that we do or that we do not have the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Although the Bureau has not investigated the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, we have received numerous inquiries and there have been allegations that various persons connected with it are connected with the Communist causes and fronts.

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June 14, 1954

Dear Sir:

During the past few months there has been quite a lot of controversy at my church on the subject of the "Revised Standard Version Bible".

I would like to know if any of the people who helped with the rewriting of this Bible were communist and if possible their names.

I would sincerely appreciate an answer to my letter because certainly I could not accept such a Bible if communist had any thing at all to do with it.

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Sincerely,

Mrs James V. Bauman, 201

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June 18, 1954

Mrs. James V. ~~Bowman~~
201 Greenbriar Road
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Bowman:

Your letter dated June 14, 1954, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, I must point out that information contained in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. You may be interested in knowing that this Bureau is strictly a fact-finding agency and does not draw conclusions or make evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do, or that we do not, have the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent who inquired as to whether or not any of the people who helped in composing the "Revised Standard Version Bible" are Communists. Bufiles reflect that various inquiries concerning this version of the Bible have been received and that several individuals contributing to this revision of the Bible have been associated with Communist front organizations.

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Athens Tenn.
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Revised version of the Bible

Mr J. Edgar Hoover.

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Revised Standard Version

Dear Sir.

I have been told that some of the Writers of the Revised Standard Version Bible are Communist. Can you please give me any information about it. For I don't want my Children to read such books. I want to live right & teach them right.

I will be very greatful to you. for any thing you can tell me about it.

Yours truly

Mrs Parker Burke

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AIR MAIL

Mrs. Parker Burke
Route 5
Athens, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Burke:

Your letter of December 20, 1954, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your request, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. You may be interested in knowing that this Bureau is strictly a fact-finding agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

I do hope that you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do or that we do not have any information concerning the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Correspondent requested information as to whether or not individuals who participated in the preparation of the "Revised Standard Version of the Bible" are Communists. Bufiles reflect that some of the individuals who participated in this revision of the Bible have been associated with the Communist movement. Self-addressed, stamped, air mail envelope enclosed by correspondent used in reply.

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West Newton Pa.
Aug 31, 1955

Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs:

A couple of years ago there were some papers published, stating that the some of the men who helped translate the Revised Standard Version of the Bible had communistic affiliations.

Later on they were supposed to have been exonerated.

If such or has much of this is true as the church I belong to is starting to use completely the R S V and I personally do not like it as a Bible.

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Please send me all the information you possess concerning the 4MG case

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Mrs Dorothy Arndt.
West Newton Pa

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September 7, 1955

Mrs. Dorothy Specht
West Newton, Pennsylvania

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Dear Mrs. Specht:

Your letter postmarked September 3, 1955, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out furthermore that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character and integrity of any publication, organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: It has come to the Bureau's attention previously that certain individuals associated with the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have been associated with subversive or front groups.

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The Evangelical United Brethren Church

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STANLEY V. PROPP, PASTOR

WATERVILLE, MINNESOTA

Sept. 5, 1955

Dear Sirs:

The request I am making may seem rather unusual, but I hope you will feel it important enough to respond.

A speaker, D. L. Fruits, of Kansas City, Kansas, recently made many inflaming public statements on race segregation, religious groups, etc. While on a comparitively small level, we in our church believe that the best way to discredit and destroy the creeping hatred and antagonism which fear and misunderstanding breeds is to stamp it out in the local community. Therefore this letter.

The statement was made that six (6) of the translators of the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible, (first published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, in '52) were acknowledged and known Communists. The following men were singled out especially. Nels Ferre, Harry E. Fosdick, George Buttrick, and Bishop Oxham of the Meth. (d. Bromley Oxnam). He also made the statement that this statement could easily be verified by writing to the F.B.I.

While it is so hard to pin down, and discredit this type of slander, we feel that we will be able to make a start here, with information on the above. Do you ~~you~~ have these men, or any other who have served on the translation comm. mentioned above, - or the book itself listed as Communist, or under Communist influence?

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Stanley V. Propp

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Reverend Stanley V. Propp
The Evangelical United Brethren Church
Waterville, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Propp:

Your letter of September 5, 1955, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate your interest in writing.

While I would like to be of service in connection with your request for information, data in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only. The FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or reputation of any individual or organization. I am sure you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer either that we do or do not have information concerning your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: No record in Bufiles identifiable with D. L. Fruits. Bureau has received several inquiries from individuals since the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible in 1952. "Files confidential replies" have been given. 61-3415-601 indicates that S. V. Propp of Waterville, Minnesota, signed a petition on behalf of the Fellowship of Reconciliation directed to the President to "stop the H-Bomb tests." According to files, the Fellowship of Reconciliation is a socialist-pacifist organization active in campaigning for racial equality and world peace. Correspondent's enclosure was self-addressed, stamped envelope which is being utilized in reply.

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820 Prince St
Healdsburg, Calif
Dec. 10, 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau Investigation,
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I enclose a booklet "Debate Over the New Bible" if you have not already seen it, I am sure you will find it very interesting especially beginning with page 18 to the end, regarding Communism's part in getting out the N.W. Bible.

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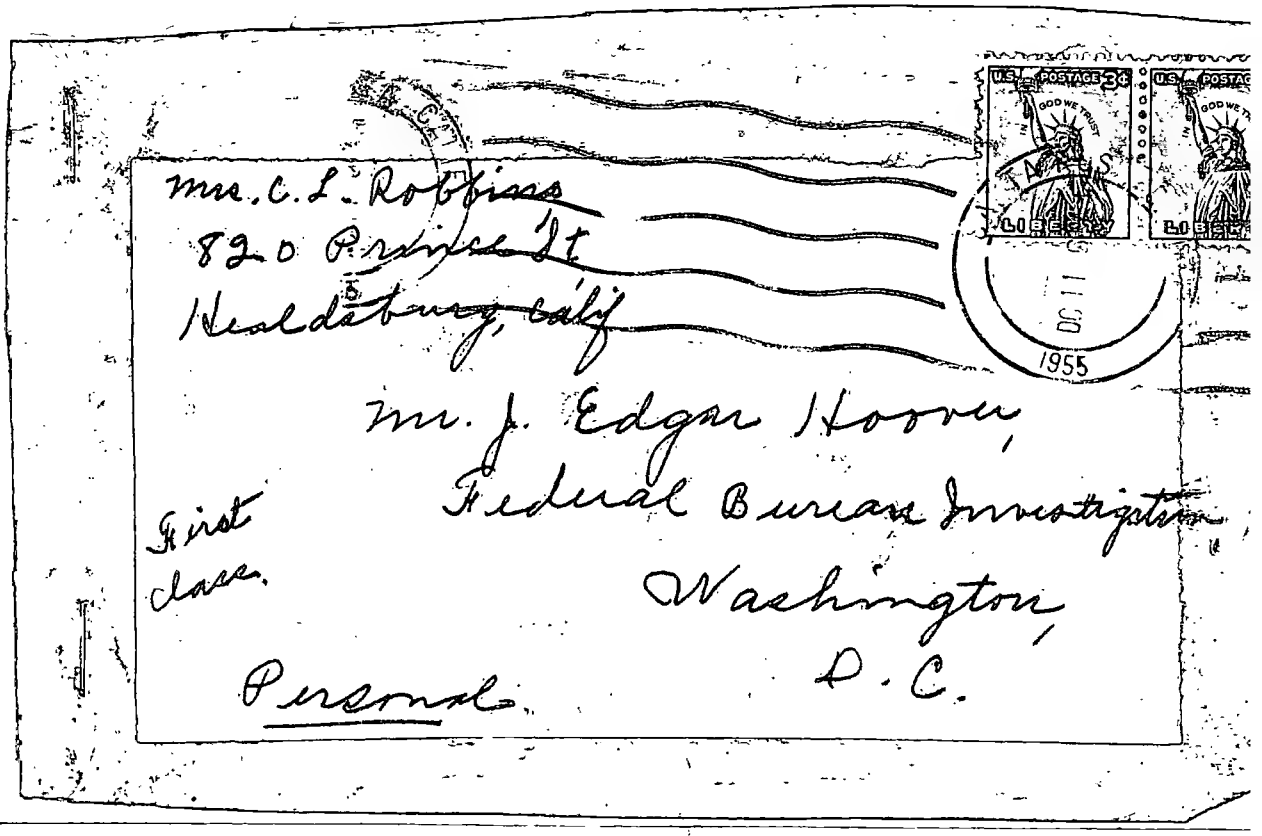
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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Yours truly,

/s/ Mrs. C. L. Robbins,

P.S. You have been doing a wonderful work for our country, I am a tract distributor so enclose a few.

Prepare for This Event *Now!*

It is coming swiftly and surely—perhaps much sooner than you expect! There are many striking indications in the world of its approach. It is the substance of many divinely breathed prophecies, and therefore certain of fulfillment. It is something for which fervent prayers are offered daily. It is an event which many thousands are eagerly anticipating.

This same event is a matter of great dread to other thousands. It is going to result in the most remarkable separations in the annals of human history. In the most sudden and most mysterious manner, workers in the same field and sleepers in the same bed will be forever separated from each other.

This event will result in the physical disappearance of a host of people of all nations, ages, colors and stations of life. It will be the cause of many vacant chairs and many vacant places in homes, schools, hospitals, offices, stores and other places of legitimate activity!

This unique event will mark the greatest conceivable change in programs. It will close the door of the most extraordinary opportunity which man has ever had since the day of his special creation. Shortly after this event, "peace shall be taken from the earth," and there shall be "wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes" and supernatural signs in the heavens and on the earth. Men's hearts will fail them because of the things happening on the earth.

The world's most despotic dictator will then be revealed—and being a political, military, industrial, economic and ecclesiastical genius, this long-sought superman will deify himself and demand universal homage on pain of torture and death.

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This great event is the RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST! Yes, there will be a return of the very One who was born in Bethlehem, lived in Nazareth, spoke living words and wrought mighty miracles throughout Palestine. There will be a return of the very same Jesus who agonized in Gethsemane, died on Calvary and ascended from Olivet. He promised to return. He said to His own: "I WILL COME AGAIN" (John 14:3). The assurance given to those who witnessed His ascension was: "THIS SAME JESUS, which is taken up from you into heaven SHALL SO COME in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

We say that this event is coming swiftly and surely because He, Himself said: "Behold I come quickly" and "Surely, I come quickly" (Rev. 22:7, 12, 20). "For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Heb. 10:37).

We say that there are many striking indications in the world of its approach, because the characteristics of the days just prior to the Lord's return are given as follows: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

The following Scriptures prove the assertion that the return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the substance of many divinely breathed prophecies: "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God (1 Thess. 4:16). "I will come again and receive you unto myself" (John 14:3). See also Phil. 3:21 and Titus 2:13.

The last prayer of the Bible: "Even so, come Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20), is being fervently uttered by many intelligent, Spirit taught, Bible loving Christians everywhere. Many thousands of believers are looking forward to the Lord's return with eager expectation, because they long to see their Lord whom they love. And they know that His return will be the realization of their hope, and His return will be the time when "we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2).

Dear reader, are you ready for the return of the Lord Jesus? Or is His return a matter of great dread to you? If you are not ready for this rapidly approaching event, will you prepare for it now? "The most extraordinary opportunity" referred to above is that of receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. He "died for our sins according to the Scriptures," and upon receiving Him, one receives the forgiveness of sins, deliverance from judgment, eternal life, the Holy Spirit and a place in the church which is His body. When the Lord Jesus Christ returns, His church will be complete and He will take her to Himself. With the removal of the church, man's opportunity to become a part of that true church, forever ceases. Oh! seize the opportunity NOW for becoming one of Christ's. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12).

If the Lord Jesus were to come tonight, He would only remove His own from the world. Hear the Word on this point: "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we (believers) which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16-17). Think of the great separation to take place! All those who are "in Christ" will be taken, all others will be left behind. Regardless of how close and sweet the relationship in life may be, of husband and wife, of parent and child, or of brother and sister, only the saved ones will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. With all true Christians suddenly and bodily taken from their accustomed places, think of the gaps that will exist in human society! The Christians will be with

the Lord, in whose presence is "fulness of joy;" and at whose right hand there are "pleasures for evermore." But what will become of the unsaved? They will be left for the Great Tribulation and all its stirring events! They will be left for that time of trouble concerning which the Lord Jesus said: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matt. 24:21).

Think, unsaved one, of the painful experience of having to do with that Wicked One, the Man of Sin, "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (2 Thess. 2:4). Think of being commanded to receive his mark or his name or the number of his name (666)—apart from which you will be unable to buy or sell the necessities of life. The decree of that time will be—as many as will not worship the image of the Beast will be killed (Rev. 13:15). And those who do worship the Beast and his image and receive his mark in their foreheads, or in their hands, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and they shall be tormented with fire and brimstone, in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb (Rev. 14:9-11).

Reader, the Lord Jesus is coming and coming soon. Won't you prepare for His coming by definitely accepting Him and thus be ready to meet Him? Why should you go on without Him and remain unsatisfied in this world and why should you expose yourself to His wrath in the world which is to come? On the cross the Lord Jesus suffered "the Just for the unjust that He might bring us to God" (1 Pet. 3:18). Believe on Him and be saved and joyfully serve Him. Then you will have a personal, vital interest in the coming again of our Lord Jesus Christ. —Tom M. Olson.

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"I beg leave to propose a short, clear and strong argument to prove the Divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. The Bible must be the invention of good men or angels, bad men or devils, or of God.

1. It could not be the invention of good men or angels, for they neither would nor could make a book and tell lies all the time they were writing it, saying, 'Thus saith the Lord,' when it was their own invention.

2. It could not be the invention of bad men or devils, for they could not make a book which commands all duty, and forbids all sins, and condemns their own souls to hell for all eternity.

3. Therefore, draw the conclusion that the Bible must be given by divine inspiration." —John Wesley.

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FANATICS?

A person affected by excessive enthusiasm.

A person who enjoys fishing or hunting delights himself in telling others of the large fish he has caught, of the big one he almost landed. He cannot say enough about the nine-point he killed last season and the one he is going to get next season. Does the world call him a fanatic? No, he is a sportsman, and greatly admired for his enthusiasm.

A person raises fancy chickens, spends much time taking care of them and he becomes so enthusiastic that his neighbor can hear nothing but chickens. He spends much more money on these chickens than they produce for him. Is this man a fanatic? No, he is a chicken fancier. He has a hobby, every man should have a hobby.

Then there is the man we all know and all love so, we contact him almost any place, during the summer months he is interested in our favorite pastime, has his hero among the players, and cannot talk enough about his won-

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derful achievements. This hero lasts but a few seasons, then another takes his place. The man who goes to the baseball game will whoop, rant and rave about this play and that play. Is he a fanatic? No, he is a fan.

The fish the sportsman catches or the buck he kills soon passes away and he seeks another.

The chicken fancier must dispose of old birds and get new ones, to keep his hobby active.

The baseball hero goes to the minors and the fan must look for a new hero. No, the sportsman, fancier and fan are not fanatics. We admire them for their enthusiasm.

Who, then, is a fanatic?

There is a man who is not entirely satisfied with his hobby or worldly activities and seeks the one who says: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid," John 14:27. After finding him he realizes he has found far more than the world can give, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever," and wants to tell those who do not know Him.

He is what the world calls a fanatic.

It is all right to accept Christ, but keep still, do not bother your friends about Him. Is that what God's word says? "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." If we are not ashamed of our Lord we want others to know Him. "For whosoever shall be saved." How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:13-14.

The faithful servant of God is told to "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." 2 Timothy 4:2.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16. "Pray without ceasing."

Is the man who wants to tell others of having his need satisfied a fanatic? The Lord Jesus Christ satisfies our needs, not our desires. "Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven

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given among men whereby ye must be saved." Acts 4:12.

Take no man for an example, judge not your fellowman as a fanatic. Take God's word for a rule. God's word never passes away. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35. Christ invites you for "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Mat. 11:28-30.

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Timothy 1:15.

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37.

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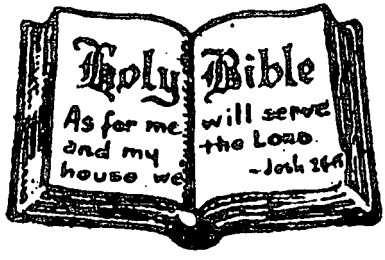
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DAN GILBERT'S INTRODUCTION

Some time ago, I published a book in which I set forth my reasons for regarding the so-called **"new version"** of the Bible as actually a **"perversion"** of the Word of God. Millions of dollars are being spent in a high-pressured propaganda campaign to persuade church people to discard the old-fashioned Bible and accept this false version, instead. Apparently, part of this "slush fund" is being used in a cunning and calculated effort to try to discredit those of us who have dared to expose the truth about this **mistranslation** of God's Word.

I have received an avalanche of letters from people who say violent and bitter things against me because I have taken a stand for the old-fashioned Bible and have shown up this false translation for what it is: not a new version, but a perversion. Some of these letters are plainly inspired by those who have a financial axe to grind in the promotion of the so-called "new Bible." But other of the letter-writers are obviously sincere, although misguided.

I have had long and spirited correspondence with those who, in sincerity and zeal, are championing the "new Bible." Appealing to my sense of fair play, they have urged that I let them present their side of the case to my radio listeners and readers. I believe that the presentation of both sides of any issue makes it all the more clear, which side is right. I believe that, after you have read what is said in support of the "new Bible," you will be all the more convinced that it is no "new version" at all, but a falsification and mutilation of the Bible of our fathers.

Of the champions of the "new Bible" who have written me, one man seemed best qualified to speak for the advo-

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cates of the "new Bible". He is Professor George R. Stevenson.

In entering into this debate, he explained, "Friends and supporters of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have expressed the opinion that I am in a position to state the case in favor of it. I have spent my whole lifetime in religious work—as a teacher, as a pastor, as a lecturer. I am recognized as somewhat of an authority on the languages in which the original manuscripts of the Bible are written. I do not believe that anyone could study the merits of this new version more carefully and impartially than have I.

"Naturally, I do not like to sing my own praises. But if there is any doubt as to my background, I will be glad to supply a wide array of recommendations and favorable comments regarding me. In upholding the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, I will set forth the position, not only of myself, but of others who are in the forefront of the movement to bring about its universal adoption."

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By agreement with Professor Stevenson, and to save space, all references to the "Revised Standard Version of the Bible" will be shortened to read "the new Bible."

DEBATE: The New Bible versus the Old-Fashioned Bible.

Professor Stevenson:

In his bitter diatribe against the "New Bible," Dr. Gilbert raises a cry of outrage against this suberb work of scholarship because, in his words, "it casts doubt upon the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ."

Certainly, the "New Bible" does contain passages which raise a question as to whether or not Jesus actually was born of a virgin. But in so doing, the New Bible merely expresses the studied viewpoint of modern science. Modern science cannot accept the idea that any man, at any time, was born of a virgin.

Liberal religious thinkers cannot fly in the face of the deliberate verdict of modern science. All my life, I have been in association with foremost leaders of religious liberalism. I have been on the faculties of outstanding seminaries and religious institutions that adhere to the enlightened liberal point of view. I have spoken in some of America's most famous liberal pulpits. I am personally acquainted with the intellectual leaders of religious liberalism. I know what they think.

Now if Dr. Gilbert finds doubt in the New Bible regarding the virgin birth of Christ, let me assure him that he will find the same doubt in the honest thinking of the leading liberal clergymen of this twentieth century.

The translators of the New Bible have handled the matter in a most fair and scholarly manner. They have left the virgin birth in the Scriptures. But they have surrounded this alleged miracle with a fair measure of the skepti-

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cism with which modern science views such an irregular occurrence—or, more precisely, the allegation of such an irregular occurrence. It is not for the translators of the New Bible to say, dogmatically, whether or not such an event really took place.

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Evangelist Gilbert:

I am well aware, without Professor Stevenson reminding me, that so-called religious "liberals" harbor doubt as to the miracles of God. They have a right to their doubts, of course. But I do not think they have any right to incorporate their doubts into the Book of God. That is what I am complaining against.

The religious liberals, such as Professor Stevenson, Harry Emerson Fosdick and others, are free to write books over their own names, setting forth their own disbeliefs and doubts.

But the Bible is the Word of God. It is wicked and blasphemous for any set of translators to insert their own doubts into the Bible.

This amounts to forgery. It is dishonest and unfair.

In the old-fashioned Bible there is no doubt whatsoever about the miracles that God performed. The doubts that the religious liberals have dreamed up in their own minds, they have now written into the Bible.

Under the guise of offering us a "new version" of the Bible, the religious liberals advance this propaganda campaign to foist their skepticism upon the church people of our land.

That is why I call this New Bible a false translation, a perversion of the Scriptures.

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Professor Stevenson:

The Bible is an antiquated book. It must be brought up-to-date. There would be no purpose in bringing forth a new translation unless it was to adjust this old-time religion to the findings of modern science and scholarship. The Bible must be made to live again. To accomplish this, old and discredited doctrines must be brought into alignment with the spirit and understanding of modern science.

Now, I realize that there are two ideas about how a translator should operate. Dr. Gilbert adheres fanatically to the old idea that the sole business of the translator is to reproduce in modern language the precise statements that were set down in another language thousands of years ago. In other words, we are to have a dead reproduction of a dead religion. It impresses me that such a dreary enterprise would be a waste of time and effort.

The other idea of the work of a translator is this. The translator is to go back thousands of years and examine what is to be found in the ancient manuscripts. He is to discard what is worthless and discredited. He is to conserve and preserve the abiding truths that may be found in the old religion. But he is to bring these truths into conformity with modern science. He is to re-interpret these truths. He is to give them new scope and meaning. The translator lives in an age of atomic power, television, and advanced medical science. He must bring out a new Bible that breathes the scientific spirit of the modern age.

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Dr. Gilbert raves about this New Bible being a "false" or "untrue" translation. Of course, it is not in accord with ancient ignorance. Of course, it is not "true" to the ideas prevailing in a pre-scientific period of history. But, by the same token, it is true to the spirit of modern science and religious liberalism.

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Evangelist Gilbert:

Professor Stevenson has admitted the most serious of the charges that I have made against the New Bible mistranslators. He has taken his stand with them in arguing for a method of translation which is as dishonest as it is deceitful. He says that the business of modern translators is to lay unholy hands upon the "ancient manuscripts" of the Word of God. These new translators, he says, are justified in throwing into the "discard what is worthless and discredited." They are to junk what they don't like in the Book of God. Then, he contends, they are to "conserve and preserve" what they do like. But in keeping what they deem to be the "truths" contained in the Bible, they are to twist and change them in any manner which they consider to be in "conformity with modern science."

Does not Professor Stevenson know what the Bible is? It is the Word of our Lord—"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

It is forbidden to man to add to, or subtract from, the Word of God.

"Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." (Psalm 119:89)

No opinionated "new translators" can change the Original Copy of God's Word—which is in Heaven. I want a Bible that is the same on earth, as it is in Heaven. I want a Bible that has not been tampered with by unbelieving men. I want a Bible that is the Word of God—a Bible into which men have not been able to insert their own doubts and disbeliefs. That is why I shall keep the old-fashioned Bible, the Bible that is the Faith of our Fathers "once and for all" delivered unto the saints, handed down from Heaven.

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Professor Stevenson:

There was a time when honest and competent scholars could be cowed by the type of hysterical appeal that Dr. Gilbert makes: keep your "unholy hands" off the Holy Book. In those days, all scientific investigation of Bible teachings was stifled and scientists were obliged to bow in ignorant obeisance before a Book which they dared not criticize.

But that time is happily gone forever. Dr. Gilbert and the embattled fundamentalists whom he leads can never bring it back. By his very tone, he acknowledges that he is on the defensive. We are going to keep the Gilbert type of fundamentalist on the defensive until they finally give up in their effort to turn back the clock.

Liberal clergymen have gone along with the scientists in subjecting the Bible to the same kind of critical treatment that is applied to other works of men. We have gone ahead and weighed and measured its contents. We have laid the yardstick of scientific truth alongside all the old Scriptural doctrines. We have not hesitated to declare the results of this investigation. Where we find defects in the

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Bible, we are making the necessary adjustments and corrections.

The New Bible is a contribution toward the "humanizing" of the old Book. Much remains to be done in this direction. But, at least, this New Bible expresses the spirit of adventuresome religious thinkers who have had the intellectual and spiritual courage to treat religion as a living growing thing, rather than a stagnated thing which remain today the same as it was thousands of years ago.

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Evangelist Gilbert:

I want to ask the professor a question or two. He says, it is all right to lay "unholy hands" upon the Book of God. One of my fellow-fundamentalists, whom he ridicules, has called this New Bible the **"Unholy Bible."** I think it might even better be called, "the Bible of Unholy Men."

Now, I want to ask Professor Stevenson: do you regard the Bible as a Holy Book at all? You speak of it as the work of men. You refer to it as a book prepared originally by men who lived in a bygone period of "ancient ignorance."

You talk about subjecting the Bible to "critical treatment." Apparently, your attitude is to criticize it the same way that you would a book written by human beings, containing the faults and mistakes that are to be found in all the works of men.

I am sure we can give the people a clear idea of what this New Bible is; we can put them into a position in which they can determine whether or not they wish to use it, if you will answer the question: do religious liberals

of the type who favor this "new version" of the Bible, regard the Bible itself as **the** Holy Book, **the** One Revelation of the Living God?

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Professor Stevenson:

Thank you, Dr. Gilbert, for dropping your highly emotional "defense mechanism" and coming to an important point. I trust we may now get somewhere in our discussion

I do not believe anyone who calls himself a religious liberal would ever agree that the Bible is a "Holy Book" in the sense that you fundamentalist Christians regard it.

I presume a "Holy Book" would be one that would be deemed "untouchable" by human hands or thought. If there were such a thing as a Holy Book, it would be accepted and believed from cover to cover, without question. A Holy Book would be one that was established as a Higher Authority, beyond the reach of scientific investigation or criticism. A Holy Book would be one whose Truth was established on a higher plane, beyond the reach of the very methods and instruments of modern s c i e n c e, by which truth is evaluated and is exposed.

Religious liberalism rejects the idea that there is any such thing as a Holy Book. The New Translators have demonstrated that the Bible is not a Holy Book. They have treated it as a human book.

They have humanized the Scriptures.

Of course, you just resort to your characteristic emotional appeal when you refer to the New Bible as an "unholy book." It is neither "holy" nor "unholy." It is just plain

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human. It is a man-made book for men to study and use.

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Evangelist Gilbert:

Thank you, Professor Stevenson, for letting us know that religious liberalism does not regard the Bible as a "Holy Book" and, therefore, deliberately gives us a "new version" which applies the "human touch" to change the Word of God.

However, do you not think that millions of church people would instantly reject this New Bible, if they knew that the purpose of the "new translation" was to offer a new book which is the work of men, not the Word of God?

Most of the advertising of the New Bible has been to the effect that it is easier to read. People are being led to buy and use the New Bible on the ground that it makes for easier reading and understanding. Why do not the promoters and propagandists of the New Bible come out openly and advertise that the doubts of unbelieving science have been incorporated in this New Bible?

Religious liberals have made over the Bible to bring it into line with what they consider to be the findings of modern science. They have laid unholy hands upon the Word of God, and warped and twisted it to conform to their own skeptical ideas.

Don't you think there would be a mass rejection of the New Bible if the people were plainly told the whole truth about it?

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Professor Stevenson:

Now, Dr. Gilbert, you are just being **naive**—which I will

say, for the benefit of your readers, is a polite word meaning mildly simple-minded. Old-fashioned religion is based upon prejudice and superstition. When you attack people's prejudices, you don't convince them. You just produce the kind of violent emotional reaction for which you yourself, Dr. Gilbert, have an almost incomparable capacity.

Millions of church people in our land still harbor the old prejudices and superstitions about the Bible. They still cling to the idea that it is a Holy Book, handed down from heaven; and not a book containing the advancing ideas of men of religious resourcefulness. Of course, we are not going to attack these prejudices and superstitions openly. People must be weaned away from their false ideas, gradually. Naturally, I had no part in writing the advertising copy for the New Bible.

But in my own recommendation and promotion of it, I stress the fact that it is a work of modern and enlightened scholarship. The first big job is to get it into the homes of the people. When they proceed to study it, they will find out for themselves what it contains.

I expect you will try to make something of the fact that, although religious liberalism does not consider the Bible to be a Holy Book in the old-fashioned sense, nevertheless the words "Holy Bible" are on the cover of the Revised Standard Version. We have no objection to calling the Bible a "Holy Book," provided it is understood that humanity is the only really Holy Thing that we recognize. The Bible can be considered "holy" in the sense that man is "holy" and the work of his hands is "holy". I have made it plain

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that we cannot consider any book "holy" in any other sense.

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Evangelist Gilbert:

I do not want to be sidetracked into a debate on the subject of religious liberalism. So-called "liberalism" or "modernism" denies the miracles of God. Fundamental Christianity believes in all of God's miracles and all of God's Word.

Our debate is over the New Bible. I oppose this New Bible and its makers on the ground of their fundamental dishonesty. The makers of this New Book even leave the words Holy Bible upon the cover. Yet, their very purpose in bringing out a new translation is to "humanize" the Bible and take the "holiness" out of it.

Professor Stevenson tells us that religious liberalism regards "humanity" as the only really "Holy Thing" that we know anything about. Modernism says that to be "holy" and to be "human" is the same thing. Of course, every old-fashioned Christian knows that "holy" means the opposite of "human." God is holy. Holiness comes from Him. The only Holy Book is the one that He has given unto men.

Religious liberalism denies that the Bible is a Holy Book —a book given us by God. Then it turns around and asserts that the Bible is just a human book. Then it goes on to say that, because it is just a **human** book, the Bible is a **holy** book—since the only holy things are the human things.

This is blasphemous nonsense. I am well aware that religious liberalism falsely asserts that a book which is human is also holy, since these words mean the same things. **But they do not mean the same things to the millions of church people in our land.**

In its very promotion of this New Bible, religious liberalism is engaging in the most cunning campaign of deliberate trickery and deception ever practiced against the conscientious, trusting religious people of our land.

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Professor Stevenson:

Dr. Gilbert has got back on his "high horse" of hysterical ranting. Perhaps, we should just leave him there, hanging halfway between illusion and common sense.

We religious liberals are not trying to deceive anyone. But we are endeavoring to rescue our church people out of the dark ages and bring them into this era of enlightenment. Our task is that of religious education. Science disproves the old ideas about the nature of things holy.

Religious liberalism accepts the scientific revelation that all holiness is in humanity and nowhere else. It will be a slow and painful undertaking to educate the religious masses to a full acceptance of this great truth.

The new Bible is our textbook. It is an agency of enlightenment, which we want to put into the hands of all dead past. It upholds the old superstitions that we want to tear down. Religious liberalism needed a New Bible to serve its purposes. The best scholars in the world have given it to us.

At first, I suggested that we just leave Dr. Gilbert up on his hysterical high horse. But I am sure we are tiring

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of his monotonous ranting on that fantastic plane. I trust he will now come down and move on to a consideration of some of the other charges he has made against the New Bible. I want to refute his other claims against this new work of scholarship, just as I have already punctured the inflated accusations which he has previously made.

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Evangelist Gilbert:

I want to show you the fraud and deceit that are the basis of the promotion of this New Bible. I hold two books in my hands. The first is the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament, published in 1946. The other is the whole "New Bible," published in 1952.

I turn to the first page of the Gospel According to Matthew, as contained in the New Testament "New Bible," published in 1946, and I find **no printed footnote which comments on the Virgin Birth of Christ.**

Now, I turn to the first page of the Gospel According to Matthew, as contained in the whole "New Bible," published in 1952, and I read this footnote: "OTHER ANCIENT AUTHORITIES READ JOSEPH, TO WHOM WAS BETROTHED THE VIRGIN MARY, WAS THE FATHER OF JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST."

This footnote is not in the 1946 New Testament of the "New Bible"; but it is deliberately inserted in the 1952 whole "New Bible."

Now, remember, the 1946 "New Testament was published in limited edition. Many ministers looked it over and then recommended it. The 1952 whole "New Bible" has been advertised and promoted very largely on the recommendation of ministers who surveyed the 1946 edition of the "New Testament." After getting the endorsement of leading clergymen, these blasphemous words are cunningly added in a footnote: "JOSEPH WAS THE FATHER OF JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST."

It is alleged that "ancient authorities" uphold this idea that Joseph was the "father of Jesus." But if "ancient authorities upheld it in 1952, they also upheld it in 1946. Whatever these "new translators" surmised about "ancient authorities" in 1952 must have coincided with their view in 1946. It is clear that the "New Bible" promoters added this attack upon the Virgin Birth, in a cowardly footnote, **after** they had been careful to solicit important endorsements of the 1946 edition which contained no such blasphemy.

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Professor Stevenson:

Dr. Gilbert has developed another fine frenzy over the fact that the 1952 New Testament of the "New Bible" contains footnotes not included in the 1946 edition.

This "New Bible" contains many things that are startling and, perhaps, even revolutionary to those accustomed to think in conformity with the old traditions of a dead orthodoxy. Obviously, the "new enlightenment" could not be supplied in doses beyond the ability of the religious masses to assimilate. A person who has lived for a long time in darkness must be accustomed to the light gradually.

The "New Bible" of 1952 does contain "stronger meat," clearer light than the New Testament of it which was pub-

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lished in 1946. I do not doubt that additional footnotes bringing new light to bear upon important Biblical doctrines, may be included in later editions of the "New Bible."

Dr. Gilbert charges that some of the more timid ministers who endorsed the 1946 "New Testament" might not have done so had it contained the footnote found in the 1952 edition. That may be. Lots of ministers would hesitate to endorse any "New Bible," especially if they feared it might conflict too radically with age-old orthodoxy.

Dr. Gilbert shouts "trickery". He is just indignant because so many ministers **did** endorse the 1946 New Testament. I believe that the translators of this New Bible did a very fine job. I also believe that what Gilbert calls the "promoters" of it have also done a very excellent job. They have secured wide circulation for the New Bible. They have also handled its promotion in such a way as to get outstanding ministerial endorsement for it. I find nothing wrong with the methods they have employed. And I find everything encouraging in the results that they have obtained.

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Evangelist Gilbert:

There is not time to dwell longer upon the trickery and deception found in the promotion of this New Bible. I now must pass on to another important issue.

Professor Stevenson cannot deny that approximately one out of three of the "new translators" has a background of involvement in Communist "front" organizations. A Red "front organization" is a propaganda agency set up to ad-

vance the purposes of Red Communism. Obviously, no one is going to join a Red front organization and help in its advancement, unless he is sympathetic with Communism.

Here we have a "New Bible" which is, in part, the work of men who are known for their pro-Communist sympathies.

Communism is the enemy of God. Communism denies the Supernatural. Communism is grounded in crass materialism.

A person who has had contacts with Communist front organizations is certainly not qualified to prepare a "New Bible" which is acceptable to Christians.

Communism seeks to tear down belief in the miracles of God. We find in this New Bible, the most subtle of doubts and aspersions upon the most precious elements of our Faith.

It is true that non-Communist sympathizers, those who have no record of association with Red-front groups, also worked on the new translation. But the pro-Communist sympathizers find nothing objectionable in the New Bible. Rather, they give it their full endorsement. If it is acceptable to those with a tainted Red viewpoint, it must be obnoxious to every Christian who knows that Communism and Christianity are opposites.

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Professor Stevenson:

Communists sit, side by side, with Democrats in the United Nations. Why should they not work, alongside of Christians, in preparing a New Bible?

In Korea and elsewhere, we have our differences with the

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Communists. But these must be ironed out and compromised. In the long run, Communists and non-Communists must get along with each other in this world, and in the churches of this world.

We must meet the Communists half-way. The Old Bible was absolutely abhorrent to all people with a Marxian Communist outlook. We needed a New Bible that they could accept, at least in a qualified way.

We must have a world religion that will embrace all peoples of the world. We must not exclude from our religion all the millions of p e o p l e who live under the banner of Communism. Since they could not, and would not, accept the Old Bible, it is only fitting that we should offer them a New One which does not do violence to their basic convictions.

To prepare a New Bible that would find favor with those of Communist conviction, it was only logical and necessary that we include pro-Communists on the Committee of translators. This New Bible is a joint effort, contributed to by those who have some sympathy with the Communist way of thought, as well as by those who are hostile to everything that smacks of Marxism. In this New Bible, we have a splendid blending of the Red viewpoint, the pink viewpoint, and what I suppose should be called the "white" or Christian viewpoint.

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Evangelist Gilbert:

Much of what Professor Stevenson says is ridiculous to anyone who does not have "sympathy" for the Communist viewpoint. However, I want to comment on what he says

regarding a "religion" that "embraces" all peoples of the world.

Christ died for every man, regardless of race, color, or political conviction. We must take the Gospel to all creatures. It is true that some, with Communist or other evil ideas, will reject the Saving Message of Christ contained in the Old Bible. But that is no reason for changing or compromising the Truth in Christ.

It is our duty to present to all peoples everywhere: the Lamb of God, who taketh away sin. All individuals have free-will and some may use it to turn away from Christ. Others will exercise freedom of choice to accept the Savior.

It is idiotic to talk about establishing a "world religion" on the basis of changing the Bible in such a way as to suit, part-way at least, those who have embraced an infidel philosophy which denies God completely.

To pervert and warp the Scriptures so as to win favor with the Reds is treason against our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a project unworthy of men who call themselves ministers of the Gospel. It is our responsibility to keep the Faith, and to preach the Faith in all its purity. To conspire with enemies of the Gospel in censoring and pink-coloring the Scriptures is the lowest form of betrayal of the Savior.

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Professor Stevenson:

Dr. Gilbert talks like a refugee from the Middle Ages when he prates about upholding "the Lamb of God" before the peoples of our Twentieth Century world. The masses in Communist countries, as elsewhere, want a living, human leader. They do not want a God in human form.

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They will not accept a Jesus who is presented to them as a Supernatural character. They want a human Jesus who is all flesh-and-blood, all passion-and-spirit.

In one of his articles, Dr. Gilbert protests that in the New Bible, the Deity of Christ is played down and soft-pedaled. He objects that the New Bible presents Jesus as a leader of the people, the kind of human leader that America had in Lincoln, India had in Gandhi, and Russia had in Lenin.

Well, I do not object to that. I applaud it. We democratic peoples of the world are losing contact with the masses in Communist lands, largely because we have clung to a dead religion.

The Old Bible does present Jesus as a Supernatural Savior. But such a presentation brings no response from the common people of the world today.

The New Bible breaks with the old, discredited tradition. The New Bible "humanises" Jesus Christ. It brings him down out of heaven to earth and lets the masses of the people know that he is their friend, he is one of them.

Unless we want all mankind to embrace atheistic Communism, we had better offer the masses the kind of religion that will be satisfying to them, not the kind that was handed down from our forefathers.

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Evangelist Gilbert:

Professor Stevenson is certainly telling us things about this New Bible that lots of church people need to know. Hundreds of thousands of churchgoers have bought the New Bible, thinking it is just a new translation into simpler, more understandable English.

But now the Professor informs us that this New Bible is the vehicle for putting over a new religion—a religion that compromises with Communism to such an extent that the Reds can be counted upon to embrace it **en masse**. The Professor advises that the New Bible even changes the life and character of Jesus Christ — taking away His Supernatural being, and casting Him in the role of a revolutionary agitator, a human leader.

The Professor urges the adoption of the New Bible as a means of "bringing the Communists into camp." Apparently, the idea was to take out of the Old Bible those elements of the Supernatural, the miracles of God, which Marxian materialists do not like. The Professor thinks it was fine that pro-Communists sat on the Committee of translators, apparently to see to it that everything was taken out of the Old Bible that Communists object to, and to see to it that nothing went into the New Bible unless it had the approval of those with a deep sympathy for the Communist way of thought.

I believe there would be a mass discarding of the New Bible, if the church people of our land knew what the Professor tells us about it.

The people have been kept in ignorance as to the purpose of the promotion of the New Bible. They have been deceived as to what it contains and why it was produced.

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Professor Stevenson:

Once again, Dr. Gilbert is charging that there is "deceit" and "fraud" in the promotion of the New Bible. Personal-

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ly, I do not think that the masses of our church people have been deceived at all. I believe that they want a New Bible They are not as old-fashioned as Dr. Gilbert supposes.

The American people, including those who go to church, are a progressive people. Our people do not want to live, intellectually or spiritually, in the Dark Ages. They want an up-to-date Bible, just as they want a new-model automobile.

They want to get along with neighbor nations. Only the die-hards of a bygone era believe in "no compromise" with Communism. Of course, we must make some concessions to the Communists, in order that they will make some concessions to us.

Communism began as an anti-religious movement. The old-time Reds wanted no religion at all. The founders of our country believed in a religion of Supernaturalism, with all kinds of miracles, and with a Messiah who was more God than man.

Thinking Communists recognize that they went too far in rejecting all religion. They will come back to the acceptance of a religion of reason. Thinking liberals of our own country recognize that a religion of Supernaturalism does not fit the modern age. Hence, we too will move in the direction of reason. The Communists were on the extreme "left" of infidelity and they will move toward the center. We were on the extreme "right" of Supernaturalism and we must move toward the center. In the middle-of-the-road, in the center, we can meet with all the peoples

of the world in the forming of a new world religion, founded upon the New Bible.

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Evangelist Gilbert:

The old-fashioned Bible itself describes the movement upheld by Professor Stevenson. It tells us that in the "last days," there shall be a dreadful apostasy. Apostasy means treason against Heaven—a turning away from the Faith once delivered unto the saints.

The Bible tells us: "scoffers will come, walking in their own lusts." They will "change the truth of God into a lie." They will deny the Lord Jesus Christ. The whole world will be brought under the leadership of a false religion. A human leader will be accepted in the place of our Divine Lord. False teachers and false prophets will arise who will "not endure sound doctrine."

This movement finally heads up in Antichrist. The Devil is the master-mind behind it all.

Professor Stevenson talks of changing the Scripture, of dethroning the Lord Jesus Christ, of denying His Virgin Birth, and Deity—he talks of promoting this Antichrist movement as though it were something new. He even would have us believe that the hope of world peace and progress depends upon working out some kind of a compromise with God-hating Communism.

Now I do not indulge any expectation that the Professor is going to accept what Bible prophecy says about him and the movement he fosters through the propaganda of "liberal religion." But I do want all Bible-believers to know that he speaks for Antichrist. He proceeds along the road

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recommended by Antichrist. He promotes a "New Bible" which is worked out according to the specifications of Antichrist.

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Professor Stevenson:

I knew that Dr. Gilbert would get around to calling the New Bible "the book of Antichrist," before he got through. Why didn't he make such an absurd charge in the beginning? Then we could have terminated the discussion right there, and he could have been left wearing the dunce-cap which he now finally has put upon his own head. I would not be that mean to him. But he has done it to himself.

According to Dr. Gilbert, I am of Antichrist. The new translators are of Antichrist. Everybody who wants peace with Communism is of Antichrist.

Of course, we want a world religion. Communists are part of the world—a very big part. Any religion which embraces all mankind must win the allegiance of the Communist masses.

The United Nations aims ultimately at a world government. Its counterpart must be a world religion. It is no secret that some of the world's leading statesmen, representing Communist as well as non-Communist countries, have heralded the New Bible as the book that can serve as a common foundation for the world religion which will be required to make the world government effective.

There are parts of the Old Bible which no religious liberal can accept. Prime among these are those portions that tell of the coming of an Antichrist, the collapse of nations, and the final arrival of a Day of Judgment. En-

lightened thinkers must reject all that belongs to the realm of so-called Bible Prophecy.

Those who believe these sections of the Bible will reject the New Bible, naturally. Narrow-minded folks will cling to the Old Bible. Enlightened Christians will accept the New Bible. I think that just about sums the matter up.

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Evangelist Gilbert:

Yes, I do believe that just about sums the matter up. People who believe the whole Bible will cling to the old-fashioned Book of God. People who believe that Christ is coming again, who accept the truth of the prophetic Scriptures, will certainly stand by the Bible of our fathers.

People who believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ will assuredly have nothing to do with the New Bible which, the Professor boasts, casts doubt upon the miracles of God.

People who believe that the Bible is God's Holy Book will keep it that way—the Revelation of God's Will. They will not agree to having the Bible changed and corrupted to suit the ideas of modern scientists and Russian Communists.

I suppose that people who do not believe in the miracles of God will go along with the Professor and the Communists in "applauding" the New Bible.

People who have never been washed in the Blood of Christ, born-again, will welcome the New Bible which presents Jesus as just a human leader — as the Professor brags.

The matter is fairly set before us. The Scripture raises

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the question: What think ye of Christ? Those who think Christ had Joseph as His father—will like the New Bible. Those who want a religion of compromise with Communism—will like the New Bible. Those who think the Bible is not a Holy Book, but just a man-made work—will like the New Bible. Those who think of Jesus as just a political leader, and not the Lamb of God—will like the New Bible.

But those who believe in Jesus Christ, the virgin-born Son of God, the Savior of all who will be cleansed by the Power of His Shed Blood—we will stick by the old-fashioned Bible that presents our Savior in all His Supernatural, miracle-working Power.

God calls upon us to choose whom we will serve—God or Mammon?

Which will we choose? The old-fashioned Bible that is true to Christ, that is a full and faithful expression of His Truth? Or, the New Bible that is done over in such a way as to please the Communists and all others who do not accept the miracles and Deity of Christ?

I have chosen to keep the old-fashioned Bible and to repudiate this New Bible which is no Bible at all, but is a book contrived by the servants of Antichrist to undermine the truths that are contained in the Bible of our fathers.

HOW DID THIS DEBATE GET STARTED?

Evangelist Dan Gilbert published a book in which he declared his reasons for opposing and rejecting the "New Bible."

Professing Stevenson bitterly denounced him for refusing to accept the New Bible. The demand was made upon Dan Gilbert to enter into this debate.

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Mrs. C. L. Robbins
820 Prince Street
Healdsburg, California

Dear Mrs. Robbins:

Your letter dated December 10, 1955, with enclosures, has been received, and I want to thank you for making the material forwarded available.

It was indeed gratifying to receive your kind comments concerning my administration of the activities of the FBI. I hope that my efforts will continue to merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. She enclosed religious tracts, as well as the booklet, "Debate Over The New Bible." This latter publication points out that several of the persons associated with the new Revised Version of the Holy Bible have been affiliated with communist fronts. This information has previously been known to the Bureau.

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27 EAST 39th STREET • NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

DANIEL A. POLING
Chairman and Editor

December 9, 1955

"Revised Standard Version of the Bible

Mr. Louis B. Nichols
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

My dear Louis Nichols:

In confidence I am enclosing a letter to which I would like to make the proper reply. I shall be glad to have you read it and return, with any unsigned notation you may care to make upon it.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Poling

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: December 14, 1955

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF COMMUNIST AFFILIATION BY INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE PREPARATION OF THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE BIBLE

PURPOSE:

To set out any subversive activity on the part of nine individuals who participated in the preparation of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. (RSV)

BACKGROUND:

A letter dated December 9, 1955, addressed to you, was received from Mr. Daniel A. Poling, Chairman and Editor of the Christian Herald Magazine. Poling enclosed a letter to him from O. L. Yoder, Route 2, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, in which Yoder stated he has authentic information recorded in FBI files that eight individuals listed are communists. The ninth, Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky, of the Jewish Institute of New York, is declared unfit to work on this revision because he is not a Christian. Poling requested confidential advice as to how properly answer Yoder.

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

Bufiles contain no record of Yoder.

There has been considerable correspondence from citizens who have questioned the communist affiliations of those who aided in the preparation of RSV. Files confidential replies have been given. All those listed by Yoder have previously been brought to the attention of the Bureau as having worked on the RSV. Following is set forth pertinent data concerning those listed . There are main files on several and not all Bureau references have been reviewed.

DR. HARRY M. ORLINSKY, JEWISH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK:

Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning Orlinsky.

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DR. LUTHUR WEIGLE; CHAIRMAN:

NY

Bufile 100-396430 reflects that Weigle is the Dean of Yale Divinity School and possesses an excellent reputation in that area. No investigation has been conducted concerning him.

HENRY J. CADBURY:

Cadbury was a sponsor of a "town meeting" at Boston, Massachusetts, conducted on 8-30-47 by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee (cited by the Attorney General). Cadbury was a signer of an open letter to Congress concerning Truman's arms program which appeared in the 8-22-49 issue of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast communist newspaper. The letter was sponsored by the Continuation Committee of the Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact which has been cited by the HCUA "as having been instigated by communists in the United States who did their part in the Moscow campaign." Cadbury's name appears on a list of signers of a letter addressed to the Mayors of 192 American cities urging them to act in defense of the right to speak for peace. This letter was dated 8-25-50 and sponsored by the Peace Information Center, 799 Broadway, Room 413, New York 3, New York, which has been cited by the HCUA "as an organization which was described in the 'Worker' issue of 6-11-53 by the Communist Party's Peace Committee as one that was making available the Stockholm Petition." (105-2575-7)

JAMES MOFFATT: NY

Reverend Moffatt was a prominent Theologian who is noted for his translation of the Bible. He died in 1944 and Bufiles contain no pertinent information.

WALTER RUSSELL BOWIE; aka WALTER RUSSELL BOWIE;

Dr. Walter Russell Bowie of Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York, was a member of, or affiliated with the National Citizen Political Action Committee, Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, Civil Rights Congress, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Scottsboro Defense Committee, National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, The Greater New York Emergency Conference on Inalienable Rights, Schapps Defense Committee, The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, the American Committee to Serve Refugees, and numerous similar organizations. (121-4493-1)

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GEORGE DAHL: N.Y.

Bufiles contain no derogatory identifiable information with Dahl.

FREDRICK O. GRANT: N.Y.

Bufiles contain no derogatory identifiable information with Grant.

LEROY WATERMAN:

Professor Leroy Waterman, Ann Arbor, Michigan, is described as being a sponsor for various activities of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (cited by the Attorney General) and was a sponsor of the Hiroshima Commemorative Committee in August, 1955. The workers and supporting organizations of this Committee have been connected with the communist movement. (100-7046-1891, page 7, 1814; 100-410587-24, page 3; 100-419721-3, page 5)

MILLAR BURROWS:

The name of Dr. Millar Burrows, New Haven, Connecticut, appeared in literature distributed in 1941 by the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder (cited by the Attorney General). One Professor Miller Burrows in September, 1947, was a sponsor for the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc. (cited by the Attorney General). (62-60527-27988).

RECOMMENDATION:

That you orally advise Mr. Poling pertinent information contained above.

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Dr. Daniel A. Poling
Chairman and Editor
Christian Herald Magazine
27 East 39th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Poling:

I regret the delay in acknowledging your letter of December 9, 1955. I have tried to get you on the telephone a couple times with negative results.

I am enclosing herewith the communication you enclosed with your letter of December 9. I regret that we cannot be of too much assistance since we have not investigated the individuals involved.

You may want to have a check made with the House Committee on Un-American Activities on Doctors Cadbury, Bowie, Waterman, and Burrows. Although I am certain your correspondent's statement that "authentic information" is recorded in our files to the effect the eight individuals named are Communists is not an accurate statement, there is no way of knowing, of course, how the correspondent would know what is in our files in view of their confidential character.

Sincerely yours,

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I read enough to know you are a good Presbyterian (I'm a weak one 66 yrs old, & my hobby is collecting what people say about the Bible. I've 40 dating away back, would you please give me a concise statement, telling how you "esteem" The Book of Books. Thank you so very much.

/s/ (Mrs) Viva C. Coleman.
728 N Cleveland St.
Arlington. 1 Virginia

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Jan. 7, 1958
15 Bluff Walk
Melbourne, Fla.

Gentlemen:

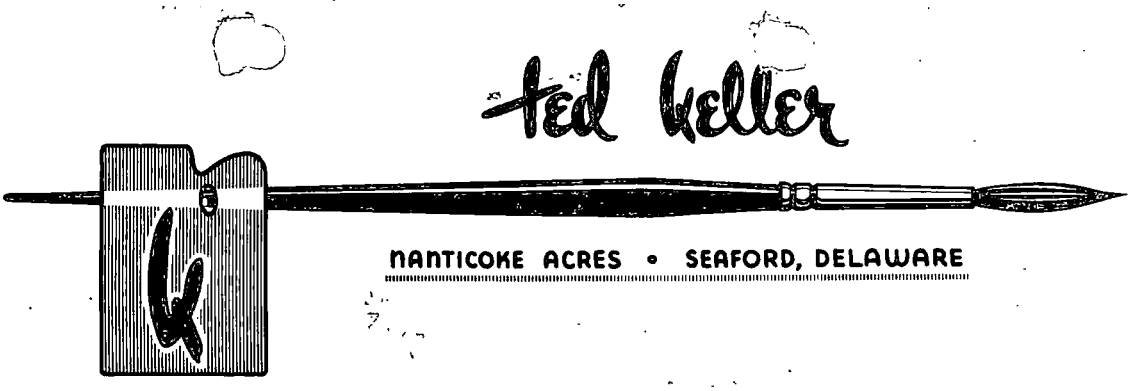
I have received, what is supposed to be, an excerpt from a letter from Major E. Bundy. Intelligence Dept. F.B.I. (Member Laymans League of America). This concerns the Revised Standard Version of the Bible and is as follows:

"According to the files of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the U.S. House of Representatives, eight of the so-called translators of this new Bible have Communist Front records. With the exception of one man, Dr. Karl Yates of Houston, Texas, who is on the translators committee, all were blantant modernists and deniers of the great doctrines of Christian faith. Their books, written long before they were ever chosen for the translators committee, are available from publishing houses and libraries all over the country. In these books, their denial of the Christian faith are set forth time and again."

I have also been told that the Communist Party receives financial support from the sale of these bibles. I have no details, nor an opinion but as a Sunday School teacher I thought it best to deal directly with the people who should know the truth. I would greatly appreciate any information you might be able to give me - and wish to take this opportunity, as an American to thank you for all that you do to protect us and our country.

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January 13, 1956

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am not acquainted with procedures desired by the F. B. I. in dealing with the public. I don't know if you give any information directly or not in answer to such a letter. I can understand the situation from your side.

Seaford, my home town, is in the section where the integration problem is undergoing the strains. Several neighbors have been working with Mr. Bowles, head of the Organization for the Advancement for White People. He has recently moved, I've heard, because of the drop in his following.

Several of his followers label everything that they don't agree with "Communistic" and have said that translators of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible were Reds...nine of them. I'm a member of a newly organized Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, in Seaford and since the above point has come up and has caused a little trouble, I would appreciate an answer to the question: Were any of the R.S.V. translators Reds or suspects.

Our Pastor informs us that schools of religion have accepted the R.S.V. as a good translation because older and more precious papers are now available that hadn't been found at the time that the King James Translation was made.

I was given a book called Kingdom Digest that covers many items besides religious topics...giving inadequate slants and incorrect views on government etc. Supposedly one or some of the writers were former F.B.I. agents (which may or may not be good). If this can be released, will you tell me if any of the following names were ever on your roster. These are taken from the January 1956 issue of Kingdom Digest, published in Fort Worth 11, Texas.

J.A. Lovell, Editor
P.O. Box 7397
Fort Worth 11, Texas

Kenneth Goff
Englewood, Colorado

Mary Hughes
Albany, Cal.

Dan Smoot
(no Address)

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Please accept my sincere thanks for your consideration and time.

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Mr. Ted Keller
Nanticoke Acres
Seaford, Delaware

Dear Mr. Keller:

Your letter dated January 13, 1956, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

I know that you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do or that we do not have the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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3629 Prescott rd.
Memphis 18, Tenn.
May 20, 1956

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs;

About a year ago I purchased a copy of the new "Revised Standard Version" of the Holy Bible. Since then I have read various articles speaking against this version and some of them gave what seemed to be direct quotations from your Bureau. They indicated the new Bible has many discrepancies in its translation and one certain reason for such is the fact that many of it's writers are known Communists. To me such a fact is momentous and one that I could not condone nor allow my church to accept if it be true!

By the end of this month our church is to adopt it's permanent "Church Policy" and to feel that

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it is essential I bring this matter to the front for investigation and consideration. I am aware of these discrepancies I spoke of and to me they might be very beguiling and insidious if given in the effort of deception.

I realize this Bible has won wide acclaim and I also know of the smaller group which has taken a stand against it. I must know for myself about this matter and if there is anything here that might bring hurt to God's Work I shall do what I feel is right to combat it. Please help me in any and all ways that you can.

I shall appreciate very much all the haste you can give to me. Thanking you I am

Gratefully yours,

Edward A. Keating, Deacon
Oakville Memorial Baptist Church

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May 28, 1956

Mr. Edward A. Keating
3629 Prescott Road
Memphis 18, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Keating:

Your letter dated May 20, 1956, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I have made no statement concerning the specific matter you mentioned. In addition, I must advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

I know that you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do or that we do not have the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Route # 1
Dowelltown, Tennessee
October 16, 1956

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: Revised Standard Version of the Bible

I have been informed that some of the parties who made the late revision of the Bible, known as the "R. S. V.", have been charged with communism.

Would you please give me all the facts about this matter, as it is a book that is questioned and rejected by many.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Nixon

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October 25, 1956

Mr. W. H. Nixon
Route 1
Dowelltown, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Your letter dated October 16, 1956, has been received.

In response to your request, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. As this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency, we are not empowered to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have information concerning the subjects of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles revealed no information identifiable with W. H. Nixon or the [redacted] S. V. P.

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I'd read enough to know you are a good Presbyterian Gm a weak one 66 yrs old, + my hobby is collecting what people say about the Bible Give 40. dating away back, would you please give me a Concise statement telling how you esteem The Book of Books. Thank you very much. Mrs Vera C. Coleman

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July 18, 1957

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Mrs. Viva C. Coleman
728 North Cleveland Street
Arlington 1, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Coleman:

I have received your card postmarked July 10, 1957, advising me about your very fine hobby. It was kind of you to include me among the persons from whom you desired a statement concerning the Bible.

The Holy Bible is the Word of God - handed down for all generations to come - as a guidepost for living. It is the sacred writings of the divinely-inspired prophets of old and the apostles who shared in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and preserved for us the wonderful lessons of His redemption. In this book will be found the guidance, the inspiration, the consolation and the hope that is ever man's need in realizing his goal of everlasting salvation. This is the Bible's meaning for me.

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Sincerely yours,
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NOTE: On basis of information available, correspondent was not identifiable in Bufiles.

MAIL ROOM

Freeland 73,
Mich.
Oct. 28, 1957.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, enc 9-1
F.B.I., Washington 10C

Dear Sir;

Is this accusation true? Are eight members of the group who translated, the R.S.V. of the Bible, Communist front Organization members?

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Or, to put it a better way, were all the members of the Translating Committee, at least professing

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Christians?

I am a Sunday School Teacher, and I am faced with the responsibility of advising parents and children, which Bible to use in my class. Please help me advise wisely.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs) Nellie M. Stebner,

Freeland, R 3,

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'REVISED VERSION' CHALLENGED

Editor The News—Relative to the article in The Saginaw News September 21 on the Revised Standard Version Bible, Dr. Luther A. Weigle, chairman of the Standard Bible Committee, claims the revision "was for the sake of truth." He further attempts to belittle the beloved King James' Version by stating that it is based on a "few medieval manuscripts which contained the accumulated errors of a thousand years of manuscript copying." He also speaks of the language of the King James Version as being "strange," that it makes the Bible seem "irrelevant to life" and that "it covers errors which made revision imperative."

However, some Bible scholars claim that the King James, Martin Luther and the Textus Receptus are the only accurate and authoritative versions. Thirty or more versions following the King James Versions have many contradictions and the R.S.V. tops them all with 157 contradictions in 164 verses.

Instead of accepting the R.S.V. without question, the 19 denominations reportedly using it would do well to make a thorough investigation of the background of its translators. One authority writes that it is not an idle charge that eight of these have Communist-front records.

Communism advances its course by destroying confidence in the Bible as God's Word. It seeks to discredit God's Law and authority so that a new order may be established on other foundations. "The R.S.V., so full of conflicts and contradictions, is an aid to the Communist cause," writes one authority.

Z. Sutliff

1473 Wilson Road.

NO LONG-RANGE
Editor

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November 12, 1957

Mrs. Nellie M. Stebner
Route 3
Freeland, Michigan

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Dear Mrs. Stebner:

Your letter postmarked October 30, 1957, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any publication, organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have information relating to the subject of your inquiry. Your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

NOTE: It has come to the Bureau's attention before that numerous persons associated with the Revised Version of the Holy Bible have been affiliated with communist front organizations.

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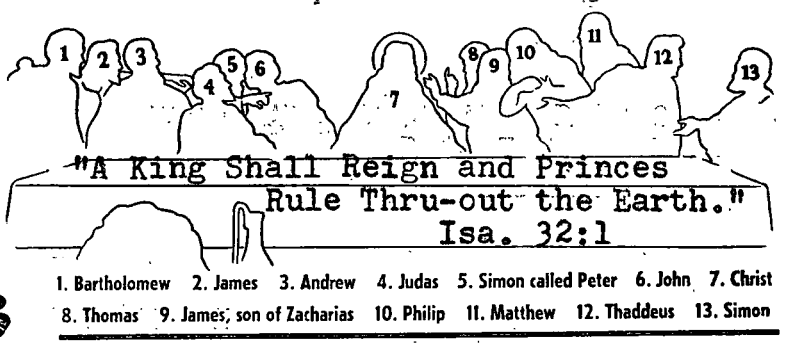
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"As the lightening flashes from the east to the west, so shall the presence (parousia) (Greek) of the son of man be." Matt. 24:27
"The world seeth me no more." John 14:19

The Temple 1 Cor. 3:16,17
2 Cor. 6:4



"Heaven is my throne, the earth my footstool." Isa. 66:1

King James version	Modern translation	Text
ADDICTED	set themselves	1 Cor. 16:15
alleging	proving by references	Acts 17:3
anon	at once	Mark 1:30
barbarous	foreign speaking	Acts 28:2
by and by	not immediately	Luke 21:9
centurion	army officer	Acts 10:22
charger	plate	Matt. 14:11
charity	love	1 Cor. 13:13
cheek teeth	fangs	Joel 1:6
confectionaries	ointment mixers	1 Sam 8:13
cross	stake	anywhere
damnation	judgment	John 5:28
divers places	one place after another (EQ)	Matt. 24:7
drunken	sufficiently fed	1 Cor. 11:21
do you to wit	let you know	2 Cor. 8:1
grace	undeserved kindness	1 Cor. 15:10
graves	God's memory	John 5:28
hell, shoel, hades	death (Job.14:13	anywhere
leasing	lies	Psalm 4:2
let (hinder)	allow	2 Thes. 2:7,8
mortify	put to death	Rom. 8:13
outlandish women	foreign wives	Neh. 13:26
overcharge	not too harsh	2 Cor. 2:5
publican	tax collector	Matt. 10:3
prevent	precede	1 Thes. 4:15
Poor in spirit	conscious of spiritual need	Matt. 5:3
sons of Belial	scoundrels	1 Sam. 2:12
sod pottage	boiling stew	Gen. 25:29
shambles	meat market	1 Cor. 10:24
suffer	let	Mark 10:14
sottish children	stupid children	Jer. 4:22
take no thought	not become anxious	Matt. 10:19
turtle	turtledove	Sg of Sol 2:12
unicorn	wild bull ox	Num. 23:22
winked at	overlooked	Acts 17:30
wotteth not	does not know	Gen. 39:8

Revised Version of the Bible

Christian Greek Scriptures, the original

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Example: one could not say 'blessed are the ~~poor in spirit~~' and be consistent, while the true translation makes far more sense indeed.
Daily home Bible study prevents delinquency. Prov 22:6 reads: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

WORLD PEACE GUARANTEED AT Psalms 37:11 and Matt.5:5

"It is not in man to direct his steps." Jeremiah 10:23

Donn Rogers, EX-135
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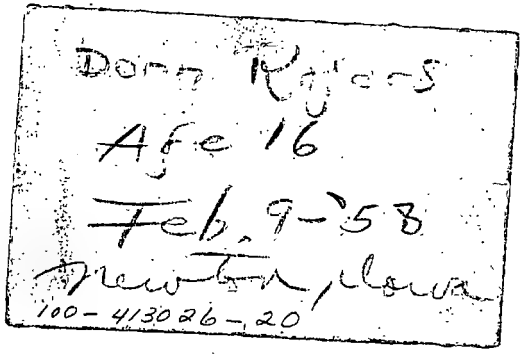
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"Do you not know that you people are God's Temple and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys the Temple of God, God will destroy him; for the Temple of God is Holy, which Temple you people are."
1 Cor. 3:16,17 - 2 Cor. 6:14

Mr. Hoover, I saved your picture in This Week magazine showing the verse about "Lean not upon your own understanding.



SCHOOL DAYS 56-57


Donna Rogers
Age 16
Feb. 9-'58
Newton, Iowa
100-413026-20

October 13, 1958

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

According to the booklet entitled "That New Bible," written by Arthur L. Vess, M.A., B.D. some of the translators of the Revised Standard Version have had affiliations with some Communist Front Organizations. Would you kindly consider the following quotations:

"Dr. Luther Weigle, Chairman, Yale University, former President of Federal Council of Churches, member of 15 Communist Front Organizations," page 2.

" Walter Russell Bowie who has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Unamerican Activities as being connected with 20 Communistic Organizations," page 3.

Have these men ever been members of Communistic Organizations? If so, are they still affiliated with said groups?

Mr. Hoover, does Mr. Vess have any backing authority, that would justify him in making these statements?

The reason for asking these questions is simply to find out whether the R.S.V. translation is an example of valid Christian principle in comparison with the King James, translation or if there is the possibility of these men envoking communistic thinking into this new translation.

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I would like to supply you with the information of how you can obtain a copy of this booklet. Kindly write to:

The Revival Herald
P.O. Box 451
Pinellas Park, Florida

Hoping that you can be of service, in my quest for truth, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Floyd Hood

Floyd Hood

Box 61

Stahlstown, Pa.

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1 - Mr Simpson

October 24, 1958

REC-12

Mr. Floyd Hood
Box 61
Stahlstown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hood:

I have received your letter dated October 13, 1958, and the concern which prompted your communication is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the function of this Bureau as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this rule and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Mr. Floyd Hood

NOTE FOR SAC, PITTSBURGH:

Enclosed for your information is one copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent or Arthur L. Vess, mentioned by him.

Bufiles reflect that numerous individuals have inquired concerning the persons associated with the New Revised Version of the Bible. Several individuals contributing to this revised version have been associated with communist front organizations. No investigation has been conducted by the Bureau concerning Dr. Luther Weigle. Our files reflect that he is the dean of Yale Divinity School and possesses an excellent reputation in that area.

Bufiles, however, reflect that Dr. Walter Russell Bowie of the Union Theolggical Seminary, New York, New York, was a member of or affiliated with the National Citizens Political Action Committee, Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder, Civil Rights Congress, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Scottsboro Defense Committee, National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, The Greater New York Emergency Conference on Inalienable Rights, Schapps Defense Committee, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and numerous other similar organizations.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises that according to a booklet written by Arthur L. Vess some of the translators of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have had affiliations with communist front organizations. He inquires whether Weigle and Bowie have been affiliated with such front groups.

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Memo FROM THE DESK OF

ELFORD N. COLLINS

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau Of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Like many Americans I, too, have only recently realized what the Communist Conspiracy in America could mean. But, now, I want to do what I can to help wake others up. This is the best way, I feel, to get started. I trust this will be recieved as a sincere request for information on the best way I can possibly be of help in exposing this plot.

I am assistant to Rev. Grady R. Kent, the Chief Bishop of our organization, The Church of God. I am, also, one of the "Twelve" in the executive branch of our church government.

I write an article each month for our church publication entitled, "The Writer's Inkwell." I, also, write extensively for all parts of our church work.

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I will appreciate any information, literature, advice, etc. Any information you can give me in regard to the "30" men who helped revise the Bible and who are, or have been, connected in some way with Communism will be greatly appreciated.

I love and respect our church and its Clergy in America but I am not a fool and I wasn't raised in a brush pile. Any twelve year old can read some of the literature now being put out as so-called Sunday School Outlines and see the Communist line interwoven therein.

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SINCERELY, Elford N. Collins

Revised Version of the Bible

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The Vision Speaks

"NO LAW BOOK BUT THE BIBLE"

VOL. 2 — NO. 9 CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE, NOVEMBER, 1959 $1.50 Per Year — 15c per copy

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MIRACLE AMAZES DOCTOR

ACKNOWLEDGES HAND OF GOD

by

LENA WATSON

September 28, 1959
Rt. 2 Box 907
Winter Haven, Florida

Greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus. I would like to, at this time, express my gratitude and appreciation to all the Saints, everywhere, who prayed for me during the many weeks of my illness. While in the hospital, I was put off in a room to myself to die. Three Doctors told my husband I could not possibly live, that I was suffering from a dreadful and incurable blood condition and could not live more than a couple of days. When I was told this by my family and physician somehow I could not believe the Lord was finished with me here. A call was put through to headquarters requesting prayer. Prayer also was requested at the General Assembly. God worked a miracle. I felt the effects of prayer immediately. The Doctors were amazed and could hardly believe what had taken place, but, admitted that it was truly a miracle of God.

In fact they were stirred to such an extent they asked questions and were anxious to know all about the Church of God and the Reformation. We distributed The Vision Speaks all over the hospital and they were received with much enthusiasm by the staff as well as the patients. Truly I praise the Lord that He has allowed me to be even a very small part of taking this last days message to the lost and hungry souls. I praise Him for lifting me from death unto life again to preach this glorious gospel in the Great Church of God.

Again I appreciate the faithful prayers of everyone. May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.



SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN—FORBID THEM NOT

The above picture shows the General Overseer of the Church Marker Association, Bro. Earl Steward, and a group of children. This photo was made during a rural ministry program by the Highway Gospel Messengers.

PETROS, TENN. WITNESSES SIGNS AND WONDERS

by

JOAN HAYNES

The Church of God at Petros has experienced a miraculous two and one half weeks revival, conducted by Brother R. L. Simons, and Brother Earl Stewart of Cleveland, Tennessee. There was good attendance throughout the revival and souls were added to the Church. The power of God was manifested in each of the services. Souls were saved, sanctified; and devils cast out by the laying on of hands, by Brother Simons and Brother Earl. These miracles were witnessed by Saints and sinners.

We will try to compare this revival with the wind. First, we know that the wind is a powerful, unseen, moving force. The revival also was powerful, and like the wind, the Lord moved in each service in a different way. Second, in thinking of the winds, we never stop to think of all the different winds, but usually think of them as being only one. Yet, we know there are different winds because their different characteristics. The reviva was equally true of this statement these two and one half weeks. Saints were healed instantly while Brother Earl was preaching. These were truly the dynamic effects of God's work in operation. People were able to recognize in this revival that the word of God is powerful and real, and that it is being put into operation today as in the days of old by true men of God, who are unashamed, undismayed, and are willing to accept and live the whole Bible rightly divided. Third, we find that the Earth's rotation about the sun

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Y. P. A. MEMBER AT WORK

Shown above is Sis. Evelyn Kent, in white jacket, as she sells subscriptions for The Vision Speaks. The lady on the right, shown as she subscribes to the paper, is the owner of a local business. It will be stimulating to see how many Y. P. A. Members respond to the call for 1,000 New Subscribers.

AMERICAN LEGION TO SPONSOR ATLANTA PARADE

A news item of interest to all of our people came in yesterday from Atlanta, Georgia. It will be of special intrest to all those having motorcycles.

Brother Bill Stephens called and said the American Legion will have its annual parade, through Atlanta, November 11. According to Brother Stephens, plans have already been made for at least seven motorcycles to represent the Atlanta Church. However, I know it would prove a blessing if more than seven could participate.

This will be a great opportunity to present the Highways and Hedges Gospel Messengers to thousands of people in just a few hours.

We, at Headquaraters, feel that it is a great move and wish Brother Bill success in this effort.

Brother Earl Holcombe is State Bishop of Georgia and is pastoring the Atlanta Church.

NEWS WRITERS

It would be a great blessing to THE VISION SPEAKS, if each local church would appoint someone as News Writer for the Church. This would help us to get news items from our churches everywhere. This appointment would make the News Writer feel obligated to write news items of special interest and mail it in.

Some of the following qualifications should be considered.

a. The news writer should be interested in writing.
b. The news writer should be willing to make every item neat and legible.

Along with the above suggestion, I feel thatthe states would receive a benefit from appointing a State News Writer. The qalifications would be the same.

There is a possibility that ,eventually, some type of tralning for writers could be initiated. I think it would be wonderful - - we need more writers to write about THE CHURCH OF GOD.

Managing Editor

Sign Of A Jew

by

J. E. LARD

"Dirty Jews!" "Let me get my hands on him!" "We don't want Jews in our Town!"

Shouts such as these, and not half so clean, have been screamed at the Children of Jacob down through the years. Not only shouted, but executed with zeal and maniacal fervor. This was done because they, at one time, dared to obey the living God. Millions have been slaughtered, just because, 'He's a Jew."

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NOTICE

Are you a member of The Church of God? Then, have YOU subscribed to THE VISION SPEAKS? No! ! ! Well, now is the time to Subscribe. Surely you do not want the Reformation to close without you being a paid Subscriber!

Help us to help others by Subscribing now! We are able to go right into the homes of thousands through THE VISION SPEAKS. Your subscription will help do this.

SUBSCRIPTION SPECIAL

For $3.50 you can receive THE VISION SPEAKS for three years — a savings of $1.00. This is something you can't afford to miss.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

Think of it! What a surprise! Christmas is coming soon and what could be more appropriate than a 3 year Gift Subscription of THE VISION SPEAKS.

LET US RISE UP AND BUILD

By CHIEF BISHOP

GRADY R. KENT

These were the words of Nehemiah in the Second Chapter and the Seventeenth verse.

Nehemiah had heard the report of how the brethren had neglected the holy city to the extent that the walls were fallen down and gates were burned and much of the city layed in waste. Only a rim was left in Jerusalem, of which, was reproach and this was more than the Prophet Nehemiah could stand so he said, "Let us build," or let us rebuild the walls, the gates, and all that was needed to bring the city back to its original state. In the 18th verse of the second chapter and I quote: "Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the Kings words that he had spok en unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the good work." Here we find that God was in need of a man who had the spirit and in his heart felt the necessity of saving the city. In these scriptures and the writings of Nehemiah we can see our very picture. The city, or the Church, had been neglected and those who were in charge were unconcerned. The city of our day is Jerusalem, which city we are, even though we be a small number as Nehemiah and his group. Let us rise up and build. I mean the first building on Jerusalem Acres is now under construction. The footing and foundation has been laid. Much of the material for the building is laying on the ground and blocks will be layed tomorrow for the first building out of the six. We need the cooperation of everyone on the field to complete this construction before the weather gets too cold. We at headquarters have decided the most important thing at this hour is to build the tabernacle.

Many have laughed, as Sanballat and Tobah, and said we would never build. But, I feel the spirit of Nehemiah; Its time to shut the mouths of the gainsayers.

We at present have five working on the building; however, we

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HAM RADIO STATION TRAINEES

The above picure shows the first Signal Corps meeting held at the Brownlee home in Greenville, S. C. Reading from Left to right are: Robert Looper, local Signal Corps leader; Jackie Burl; Sylvia Howard and Paulette Brownlee.

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CHIEF BISHOPS DESK

EDITORIALS



GRADY R. KENT

REVIVAL FIRES

Reports are coming in from every direction, reporting mighty revivals now in progress. Reports from Petros, Tennessee states that a wonder ful revival just closed. Conducted by State Bishop R. L. Simons and Brother Earl Steward, one of the Seven Souls were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the Church.

TEXAS

The State Bishop of Texas reports a Church in Houston and a steady increase of members taking a stand for their covenant.. Many are taking the Covenant and coming into the Church.

The State Bishop of colored work in Louisiana called me long distance and reported a mighty revival now in progress in Baton, Rouge, Louisiana.

The State Bishop of California reports several taking their stand for the Church and prospects of many open doors for new works.

A mighty revival is now in progress, and God is blessing at the Church in Riverside, Ohio. Brother Bill Anderson is the evangelist.

CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

Brother Marion Hall a new minister from Ohio is now conducting a revival at Headquarters. Brother Hall is delivering mighty messages and people are being saved and etc. The revival, at present is entering the 2nd week. Brother and Sister Hall were previously with the Church of God with Headquarters on Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee. Now they are working in The Church of God. We welcome them to the fold.

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Some of the material that was promised during the Assembly to begin our school of ministry has now begun to come in. Sister McKinnis of Montana, has already sent her pledges that were needed for the dormitory. They arrived in North Dakota and will be brought to Cleveland. All of this sort of help is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to this being a great school of ministry operated by faith.

Jerusalem Acres

At this present time work has begun on Jersualem Acres in the building of the tabernacle. We now have it ready to pour the foundation of the building. We hope to have the front completed by Christmas. I would like to encourage all of our people and friends everywhere to help us build as headquarters is in need of this building to begin our operation on Jersualem Acres. Pray that God will supply the needs to continue the work. I would like for all the State Bishops and Pastors to put out a united effort to complete this building.

The sisters of the Cleveland Church are cooking meals for the men members who are laboring day after day for the project. There was an offering taken up at Cleveland Church which totaled a $151.00 on the tabernacle. We appreciate all the financial help that can be given on the work.

The Vision Speaks

As you have noticed in the last issue of the Vision Speaks, a subscription contest has started in behalf of someone being sent through the School of Ministry free. This has set off a great move for subscription of Vision Speaks in a mighty way. We have learned that even outsiders are glad to subscribe to the paper as well as our Church members. Many other workers may be able to find people in their community or city, that would help you win this contest.

New State Bishops

Following is a list of state bishops, new states and organized Churches opened up this year since the assembly: State Bishop of Texas, Mike C. Marshall; State Bishop of California, C .A. Herring; State Bishop of Maryland, Brother Frank Todd; State Bishop of Alabama, Elisha Holden; State Bishop of Ohio, Bill Anderson. We are certainly happy to add these states and state bishops to the others.

For those ministers who are interested in starting a new work, we have open fields in new states that have made their stand and are waiting our arrival. There are good opportunities for those who have been called to preach.

PERSECUTIONS

Persecutions are still raging. The incident that happened in Cleveland during the Assembly of the "Assembly Group" set off a trend of persecutions against The Church of God. The public, not knowing the controversy of the Church Reformation, failed to understand the incident that took place at the Church of God of Prophecy assembly. In the way the conflict was handled, it was a one-sided affair. The public was not informed that we had not violated or broken any law. Because of this incident we are receiving persecutions and being heckled by some people in and around Cleveland, including some of their members. This has also grown to other states who are man handling, mistreating, and throwing our ministers out the door. Brother Lard of Florence, Alabama, who took a stand, went back and was attending a revival at the Church of God of Prophecy where he was previously a member. In his testimony, during testimony service, they threw him out of the church. Jesus said, rejoice for great is your reward in Heaven. We feel greatly honored to suffer persecution for the sake of the Gospel which is the revelation of Jesus Christ.

GRAND RIVER, OHIO

Rev. Jake Owens conducted a revival recently at Grand River Ohio. According to the report, attendance was very good. Many people received special blessings, healings, etc.

Out of town visitors came as far as thirty miles to be in the services. These came from Cleveland, Ohio. This is a good example of interest because very few people will drive thirty miles nightly unless something is happening that is of interest to them.

The meeting was conducted for two weeks. A record of these services and the results, no doubt, has gone down in heaven to await the great day when we shall all be rewarded according to our works.

Rev. Charles Bottoms is the pastor.

THE PRELUDE

Behold, the darkness steals silently away! Arising slowly from below the horizon, comes forth a new light—the aurora of another day. And as the daystar arises, inconsiderate, of those who are asleep; so does the dispensation of God change unnoticed, except, by those who are ever watchful throughout the darkest period of night—the hour just before dawn!

Elford Collins

PETROS, TENN.

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causes special winds. There is also a cause for the program of The Church of God. This cause being the moving of God's spirit upon the anointed leader, Grady R. Kent, revealing it through the Spirit. God is continually speaking to Brother Kent and guiding him in his decisions.

In Brother Simon and Brother Earl we have seen true men of God, ready to witness for Jesus at all times and at any cost, living Holy lives in the Spirit through faith in God, putting the whole Bible into operation as revealed by God. We have found them to be not only hearers of the Word but doers of the Word also. The Church of God's Navy, automobiles, prophets, apostles, and an anointed leader, all in fulfillment of the prophecies of the Bible, and all are being used to get the Gospel to every creature upon this earth.

We believe that this revival has been a blessing to many of the people of our community, and that God has drawn His Saints closer to Himself and has deepened their desire to live and work for Him as never before.

Novella Jestes

LET US RISE UP

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need another block layer. Much more could be done if some volunteers could come and help us a few days. We are able to do this even as Nehemiah and his co-workers rebuilt the waste of Jerusalem. Perhaps the twentieth verse of the second chapter of Nehemiah will give, in better words, what I am calling for in the face of our persecutions. "Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us. therefore, we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem." This verse is the answer to those who might not believe that we will do the work inspite of persecution. And true to the scriptures, they will have no part in this great memorial - - the reforming and rebuilding of all things.

VIRTUOUS WOMEN

by
LOUISE BROWNLEE

"Who Can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10.

Solomon, the wise man, looked into the future at this untoward generation and asked the question, "Who can find a virtuous woman? The word, virtuous desribes a woman of strength, merit, chasity, refined with pure morals and legal force.

This virtuous woman in Proverbs is a perfect description of The Church of God. As she enters her third year of reformation her children are rising up to call her blessed. She giveth meat to her household and a portion to her maidens.

The women in the church are being clothed with strength and honour and she is eating not the bread of idleness. In the State Assembly of Florida my soul was stirred at the abundance of revelation among the women. There were seven prophetesses present in the missionary program. Some of the women have received gifts of the spirit and the church is being edified.

In North Carolina, holy women rejoiced in revelation of Jesus Christ. Many of them had come through afflictions and reproach for the Testimony of Jesus Christ which is the spirit of prophecy. The gift of healing is operating among the women in Gastonia. One sister testified to being healed of cancer. Like the virtuous woman in Proverbs the women of Gastonia stood in the reformation. Without a pastor there, they considered the field and rented a place to carry on The Church of God. They are rejoicing in the fruit of their hands for God is blessing them with an increase.

During the State Feast of Charity, moderated by State Bishop D. E. Garr, two young women were saved, sanctified and received the Holy Ghost. These zealous women are ready to stretch out their hands to the poor and reach forth their hands to the needy.

In South Carolina, women of vision are moving forward to take their places among those who will be honorable in this day. They have done as the women in the day of Christ, followed all the way from the baptism of John and min istered unto him. Ten prophetesses were present at the State Assembly. The gift of prophecy was manifested among the women.

The principal of love and compassion for the lost worked might ily among the women of Virginia. Here, the sisters are ready for any good work. Many are just now perceiving of the merchandise of the house. A number have just been added to the church by covenant and are rejoicing in the light of the candlestick as it lights up the house.

These women are ready to fill their places and work with their hands. The works already accomplished are the fruits of hearts that are stirred with wisdom.

The women of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama are also stirred with zeal of the revelation. Among these are sisters who have sacrificed and suffered for the gospel.

In Pennsylvania, an army of women were baptized with the spirit of prophecy. Although many of them labored in the kitchen to feed the convention, God visited them there and stirred them with a greater revelation.

One sister was called to prophecy during the feast. Others rejoiced in the vision of all. Virtuous Women of Vision throughout the church are preparing themselves as vessels for service in this temple of the Lord.

SIGN OF A JEW

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Although there is yet a remnant in Israel, a Jew is one which is a Jew at heart. The Apostle Paul (Romans 2:28 29), taught us concerning this "Circumcision of the Heart." Moses declared, "Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked." Also he promised, "and the Lord thy God will circumcise thine Heart, and the Heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. And the Lord thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee."

Through faith and Love WE fulfill the law. This being the New Testament in his blood. Jesus, to "New Testament Jews," declared, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. And we are told to rejoice for "so persecuted they the Prophets which were before you."

There are many with us who can rejoice and say with Paul "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." But those who say they are Jews (Christians) and bear not these signs are false. They know neither the Father nor His Son.

Let us suffer together that we may rejoice together. "Be not weary in well doing for we shall reap if we faint not."

CONTEST AID

Everyone entering the School of Ministry Contest will find the back page of last months issue of THE VISION SPEAKS a wonderful stimulate for getting subscriptions. It was prepared with the contest in mind. Don't fail to use it and you will be able to get subscriptions from those who are not members of the Church.

Many who are in business-as well as those who are not will subscribe to the paper just to help you get to come to Bible School. Using this back page of the October issue will let them know it is official and not a "money-scheme."

DEAR CO-WORKERS:

At last, the foundation – for the fi
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A REFUGE FROM THE STORM

by
EVANGELINE ANDERSON

Isaiah 25:4 " . . . A refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against a wall."

One Saturday afternoon, a few years ago, a friend and I went to a small town several miles from where we lived in an effort to promote a certain phase of church work. As we started back the sun had set and it had become necessary to use headlights. I kept my eyes on the immediate road in front of us and my mind on our efforts that didn't show the results we had desired.

When my friend drew my attention to the gathering cloud it seemed like it chose that moment to close in. It grew intense and was ready to break into a raging storm. Our first concern was whether to turn back or go on. We seemed to be about half way on our way home. As we thought of what to do another car rolled up and called to us, asking what should they do for they were strangers traveling through and did not know the meaning of such a cloud.

But it was impossible to give an answer or to go one way or the other for the storm was on us and the first drops of rain were like buckets full. The clouds rolled and the wind tore at every object. The darkness was so terrible and dense that head lights didn't penetrate it. The only glimpse we could get was when the lightening flashed across the sky. The car, an older model, rolled and rocked at every impact of the storm. Only by applying the brakes continually could we keep it from rolling with the force of the wind.

While I was putting all my strength to holding the brakes my friend was crying and praying. She was begging God for protection. I was praying too, but more than that I was learning. Learning by comparing that natural storm with the storm and conflict that we so often lack in a Christian life. In every spiritual storm we are always safe so long as we stay with our hull of protection, which is God. I was learning like the disciples learned that when "He" is on board even a storm can't harm us.

Then one day in my spiritual life, a storm did break. One so fierce that I did not hardly have the sufficient light within me to lighten my path. And not surprising at all, the storm gathered and was upon me before I was aware of it. That was because I had my mind on immediate things and was not watching the weather (prophecy) to close.

The time to be exact was February 13, 1957 and the immediate days that followed when we were notified that Brother Kent had resigned as General C. P. M. A. Secretaary It was like swallowing a dry cracker in the middle of a dessert but we said we just had to go with what we believed and preached to be the Church - But in our hearts there was a hurting. A great big "Why" and "How could it be." To me Brother Kent and church just couldn't be operating in two separate channels. It was his preaching that caused me to understand the real meaning of The Church. And so the storm raged on - tearing and pulling at me until my mind and heart did not seem to work together. I thought it must all be a dream and I'd soon awake and find everything as before. But, when I did sleep, a seemingly doped emptiness made the next day more unreal than ever. However, now and then, a flash of lightening gave me a glimpse of hope. That flash of light was the thought way back in my mind that Brother Kent was right and someway it would work out. But how could I understand it all? The head lights just weren't sufficient to penetrate the darkness of the storm.

Less than thirty days passed when I looked up one day and saw Brother Kent in a car that drove up. I had no particular welcome for him and those with him for I was in turmoil and worried. However, when Brother Kent began to talk I noticed the same humbliness and the same spirit of God with him, that had always made it a pleasure to hear him. Soon my vision wasn't limited to a glimpse of hope by a flash of lightening but that ray of light became steadfast and widened as my understanding of the scripture broadened and I saw fullfillment of prophecy. What a day! The real side of the whole story was on the other side of a curtain--Bro. Kent drew back Bro. Kent. Bro. Kent drew back the curtain to the real events, the storm clouds went — The storm was over and the sun shone. Good bright sunlight that makes it easy to see and know the right path.

After they left the house that afternoon I walked the floor. Over and over it turned in me. A lightness and freedom that was filling me until I couldn't wait to tell Bill. When I did tell him his reaction was not what I had hoped. He said, "Not you too!" (That meant you've lost your mind.) Then I remember my own fear and conflict, hardly capable of measuring his struggle of those days just past. But that glimpse of hope; just the thought - "What if Brother Kent was right?" Had he ever considered it! When I brought it to his mind he broke down and cried, walking the floor.

I have never felt so helpless as I stood by and watched that battle go on. But I made a venture to guess which way it would come out for I knew that Bill loved the Church better than his own life. Not even half an hour passed before he agreed to go hear Brother Kent preach that night.

That was March the 10th 1957. We never planned it, discussed it or agreed. We just each knew what the other would do that day as we stood for the truth on the bright side of the fierest storm that ever raged at our souls.

"School Of Ministry Contest"

OFF TO FAST START

No time to lose, someone is going to win, it could, be you.

Many contestants are already off the launching pad with a boom. If you have not begun your contest campaign, better start now. You still have time to get in the race. This is the ripest time, since the reformation, to have begun such a drive. It is the first subscription drive that has been made since The Vision Speaks has been published. Therefore, many subscriptions have run out, many receive the paper but do not subscribe (These are ideal prospects, if you would like to have the names and addresses of these readers in your area, let us know.) Many paid up subscribers would welcome the opportunity to take advantage of our 3 yr. subscription rate as is outlined in the paper or would give a paid up subscription to a friend for a Christmas gift. Many business places will subscribe or give a donation to you if you will present your story to them, telling them what you are working at and show them the back page of the October issue, of the Paper; most business men are glad to help a person along when he feels they are promoting a worthy cause.

—PASTORS—

Encourage and promote your members to back the contestant or contestants who are working in your local church. Remember, the better the people are informed about the work, by reading the Vision Speaks, and the more they are encouraged by the paper the easier your job will be to get them to co-operate in the different moves made by the Church.

LAY MEMBERS

Help! the sincere contestant by subscribnig to THE VISION SPEAKS, either for one year at $1.50 or for three years at $3.50 (regular $4.50). His whole heart will be set on coming to the School of Ministry in March. The one who works the hardest should be the one to win. So don't let his efforts be in vain.

This Is Our Contest Slogan:

EVERY MEMBER A SUBSCRIBER!

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EVERY SUBSCRIBER A CONTRIBUTOR!

by Danny Kent

The Writers Inkwell



by
ELFORD N. COLLINS

Submerged within the heart of every man, woman, boy and girl is an inherent and latent power just waiting to be exploited. And like the inanimate explosive, it will never burst forth from its sleeping state until some spark of aspiration ignites the fuse of action. Then - - and then only - - will begin the necessary development that will eventually cultivate this power into its ultimate state of quality.

This is that vital force that has produced such men of renown as Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Thomas Edison, Benjamin Franklin and many others too numerous to mention. It embodies the fondest hope; stimulates the mind toward noble thinking; and holds the key to ones success. It is a force within itself—energy that knows no bounds once it is set in motion! The individual is debtor to himself until he realizes the full potential of this power that lies smouldering in the deep recesses of his conscience.

One of the greatest mistakes ever made by an individual is the failure to recognize this powerful force. It is somewhat like the vast mineral deposits of the earth that lay hidden for years—until—someone began to move with hungry anticipation, by that secret inner-unction. The fabulous riches that have resulted from such endeavors are enough to stagger the imagination—and yet—all of it happened because someone took the time to think, decide, and move!

All of us, at one time or another, have experienced the desire to be come great men and women in some particular field. Many times such feeling are kindled by stories told of men who had attained such greatness in life. Like a threatening volcano, that familiar rumbling, or knawing within us, continues to agitate our minds toward the more noble things in life. Some are able to grasp its meaning and begin immediately to cultivate, polish, and work with their talent. They become progressive. New fields open up as their minds become enlightened! Yet, some are not able to recognize those fleeting impressions or impulses that continue to intermingle with their thoughts. These are the ones we need to be helping. We are duty-bound to go to their rescue and show them the treasure that lies hidden within themselves—not of the flesh for we are nothing—but the golden nugget of power that God imbedded in our conscience for our own good—if we will use it! Class, race, color, education, etc. does not prevent this seed of power from being an inherent part of our make-up! It is something that God leaves to the individual to find. If not, then, he permits someone to help us find it. It is for the individuals own good. But, it will never be of any service until it is recognized and brought to the surface.

Alcoholics, dope addicts, prostitutes, criminals of all descriptions, are not beyond hope! They are what they are only because they have either lost thier hope or never had any to begin with. They need help. Love, compassion, and mercy, should be the first rule of correction-not the last! They have never learned to cultivate that talent which God gave to them. Yet, it is there! Shall we disregard it because they are sinners or should we help them see that they have better than an even chance to make a success of their life!

I am reminded of the words of a certain man who became an outstanding personality in our own times. He was asked why he never found time to read books, listen to radio or watch T. V. His reply was, "why spend all of your time enjoying the creations of others when you could be using that time to create something of your own?" There is much to be learned in this statement. If all of our leisure time is taken up with things that promoted others to great success, then, there will never be time spent in cultivating that which is in us.

Your future success depends on the time you spend in finding your talent, bringing it to surface, and putting it into operation. Its there, why wait for someone to find it for you? Look for it! Search until you have found it. Then begin polishing it. Work with it until it is perfected. You will never know what measure of talent lies within you until you have searched it out. Now read slowly and carefully:

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. (Eph. 3:20.)

Now, stop! Think for one minute. What is there in your life that continuously strives—through your thoughts, dreams, ideas, etc.—to come to the surface? Do you find yourself thinking often of what you would like to accomplish in life? It can very well be that inherent and latent lower that is just waiting to be exploited.

DO YOU KNOW?

God's Promise Of Twelve To The Gentiles

by
CHIEF BISHOP GRADY R. KENT

Most all Christians understand that through Jacob and Isaac there was a promise of "twelve princes." And through Christ this was fulfilled in the appointment of "twelve" Jewish Apostles. Yet, for some reason, Christian people of all ages have overlooked the promise God made to Abraham (Gen. 17:20) in that he would also make of Ishmael and the gentile nation, "twelve princes." This was to be fulfilled in "twelve gentile apostles" for the last days!

There is no scripture or history that shows these "twelve" to have, already, been in the dispensation of grace. But, they do exist now in The Church of God. Eight of these twelve have already been ordained. The other four will be ordained in the coming council of Apostles and Elders.

John the beloved points out—all through the book of Revelation —that there shall be four and twenty crowned princes to sit on four and twenty thrones. The Jewish "twelve" shall rule over the twelve tribes of Israel. This leaves the other twelve to rule over the gentiles!

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Who Will Fill The Above Spaces Next Month?

Every minute counts! Don't wait until its too late **for you to enter. There is still time for you to catch up and even pass those who have already entered the contest. This is your chance to do something for The Church of God.**

Please don't foroget to register your name and address with us. This helps us to keep in touch with you as well as having an accurate record. It also shows enthusiasm on your part. Let's abide by the rules and regulations of the contest.

Remember, the money for each subscription should be mailed and post marked no later than the 1st of each month. Start today — right now — this minute.

"We can do it" - Elford N. Collins "We must do it" - Danny Kent "We will do it" - Bob McGlemre

March 22, 1960

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Mr. Elford N. Collins, Jr.
Apartment 2
422 Church Street
Cleveland, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. Collins:

Your letter postmarked March 15, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and your offer to be of assistance in bringing the dangers of communism to the forefront is appreciated.

While I would like to be of service to you, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to furnish the information you desire, and I am sure you will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

Enclosed is some material concerning communism which may be of aid to you in alerting your readers to the communist menace.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Enclosure was copy of the November, 1960, issue of "The Vision Speaks," a church paper published by the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee. No record Bufiles identifiable with Collins.

Post Office Box 1277
Cincinnati 1, Ohio
May 6, 1960

Mr. Claude A. Maddux
Postal Inspector in Charge
U. S. Post Office Department
Cincinnati 1, Ohio

EXEC. SEC. MAY 9 1960

Dear Claude:

Thank you for your letter of May 3, 1960 enclosing communication from L. Crosby Deaton of the Lutheran Church of the Comforter, Baltimore, Maryland, and the booklet he received from Circuit Riders, Inc. of Cincinnati.

It was kind of you to communicate with us, however, it does not appear that there is any cause for action within FBI jurisdiction resulting from this event.

Sincerely yours,

E. D. MASON
Special Agent in Charge

Revised Version of the Bible

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NOTE:

Pastor DEATON received a booklet captioned "30 of the 95" distributed by Circuit Riders, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio. This booklet purports to provide public record information concerning 30 of 95 authors of the revised standard version of the Bible. This information was recently the cause of controversy when the National Council of Churches of Christ of America criticized the U. S. Air Force for issuing a manual incorporating certain of this information. By letter April 29, 1960 DEATON wrote to the Postal Inspector in Charge, Washington, D.C.; he referred it to the Postal Inspector in Charge, Cincinnati; he sent it on to FBI. The Postal Inspector in Charge in Cincinnati advised DEATON that the matter had been referred to FBI. Consequently both Bureau and Baltimore are being advised.

For information of Baltimore, M. G. LOWMAN, Executive Secretary, Circuit Riders, Inc. is well known to the Bureau and has been cooperative in an unobtrusive way on a number of past occasions. Nothing in the pamphlet or letter from DEATON appears to be of interest to FBI. No acknowledgement is being made to DEATON. The pamphlet has been destroyed.

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Mount Airy, N.C.
Rt. 3,
August 8, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Bureau of Federal Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I realize that you are a very busy person and I'm sorry to bother you, but there is something I would like very much to know.

A neighbor of mine told me that she read an article that said you had proved that Communist helped write the new Revised Version of the Bible. I want to know if this is true. If it is, why is it permitted to be sold to the public? I, personally, do not endorse the new Bible, but I can't believe that our government would allow a Bible to be published that Communist revised.

I would appreciate it very much if you can let me know about this matter.

You will find enclosed a self addressed envelope. Thank you.

Yours truly,

/s/ Mrs. Claude L. Brown

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I would appreciate it very much if you can let me know about this matter.

You will find enclosed a self addressed envelope.

Thank you.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Claude L. Brown

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August 16, 1960

Mrs. Claude L. Brown
Route 3
Mount Airy, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Your letter of August 8, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate your interest in writing.

In response to the matter you mentioned, I have made no comment or statement relating to the revised version of the Bible.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Stamped self-addressed envelope enclosed was utilized in reply. It is known that some persons affiliated with the revision of the Bible have been affiliated with communist front organizations per Bufiles.

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September 26, 1960

Reverend Allen Newman
Pastor
Ocean Beach Baptist Church
Post Office Box 7331
San Diego 7, California

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your letter of September 19, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate the concern which prompted you to write.

I would like to be of assistance to you; however, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and we do not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is considered confidential and available only for official use. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relative to the subjects of your inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Reverend Newman is not identifiable in Bufiles. It has been brought to the Bureau's attention that numerous persons affiliated with the revision of the Bible have been associated with communist front groups. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been (Note cont'd on next page)

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infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policy on the NCCC today. (100-50869)

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Ocean Beach Baptist Church
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September 19, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The recent controversy over the Air Force Reserve Training Manual has caused a deep suspicion on the part of some of my people regarding the Revised Standard Version of the Bible; the men who translated it; and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Reference is frequently made to the fact that the Communists have used the R.S.V. and the National Council of Churches to infiltrate our country with their beliefs. In my opinion the belief that these statements are true is disturbing the spiritual harmony of my church and many other churches in the San Diego area. What is the truth in this matter? Are the Communists running the National Council of Churches? Are the Churches of America becoming centers of Communistic propaganda as J. B. Matthews claims? Did Communistic fellow-travelers translate the R.S.V. Bible?

I certainly realize the magnitude of the task which is yours and the men of the F. B. I., but if there is any answer you can give me in this matter, I would greatly appreciate it. Nothing has disturbed Christianity as much as this controversy.

Your consideration and reading of this letter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Allen Newman

Rev. Allen Newman,
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Pelican Rapids, Minnesota
September 29, 1960

Director of Information
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would like to inquire if there is any connection of the Revised Standard Version Bible, published by Nelson & Sons and communism. If there is I would appreciate being sent information pertaining to this. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,
Bob Thompson

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Route 2
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Your letter dated September 29, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential through a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiry and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have the specific information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: It has been brought to the Bureau's attention in the past that numerous individuals affiliated with the New Revised Edition of the Holy Bible have been affiliated with communist front groups.

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1332 Ensign Avenue
Vallejo, California.
Sept. 28, 1960.

Revised Standard Version of The Holy Bible

J. Edgar Hoover
United States Dept. of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

About five months ago several articles appeared in the local newspapers that a number of translaters, who helped rewrite the Bible into the "New Revised Edition", were communists. The statements are supposed to have been made by Senator Francis E. Walter, who is Chairman, Committee on Un-American Activities.

If there is any truth to those articles in the newspapers I would like to hear from you, giving me such information as to how many and who these communists are, providing such information is available.

Also if there are any booklets, publications or reports available, please send them to me. If you are unable to send me such publications, please advise where I can order them.

We are Protestants and we read the "King James Version" of the Bible and if there is any truth to it that a number of communists helped rewrite the New Revised Edition we would not be interested in reading it or have such a Bible in our house. A communist 'slant' could enlist the support of misguided individuals to assist them in their subversive workings.

Sincerely yours,

George Hieb

George Hieb
1332 Ensign Avenue
Vallejo, California.

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Mr. George Hieb
1332 Ensign Avenue
Vallejo, California

Dear Mr. Hieb:

Your letter dated September 28, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to help you, data in FBI files is maintained as confidential pursuant to a regulation of the Department of Justice. For your further information, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In response to your other request, it is a pleasure to forward publications of this Bureau which are available for general distribution on the subject of communism. If you desire a list of groups which have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the scope of Executive Order 10450, you should direct a request to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6) (see next page)

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Mr. George Hieb:

Enclosures :

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism?
Introduction March, 1960, LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. It has come to the Bureau's attention that numerous individuals affiliated with the New Revised Edition of the Holy Bible have been affiliated with communist front groups in the past ~~period~~.

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Church Of The Brethren

Greenland and North Fork Congregations

Maysville, West Virginia

Dear Sirs

I am preaching to Mountain People who believe the ~~Revised~~ New Standard Version of the Bible is written by Communists and Fellow Travellers. Do you have any data on the Translaters as to whether they are any of them Communists or or questionable character. I sincerely would appreciate plenty of help along this line.

Thanks Kindly,

Rev. Carl Yoder

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Reverend Carl Yoder
Church of the Brethren
Greenland and North Fork
Congregations
Maysville, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Yoder:

Your letter postmarked October 26, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any publication, organization or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to your inquiry.

Enclosed are publications on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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LETTER TO REVEREND CARL YODER
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NOTE: It has been brought to the Bureau's attention that numerous individuals affiliated with the New Revised Version of the Holy Bible have been associated with leftist groups of communist fronts. Above reply has been given before on similar inquiries.

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Hillsville, Virginia
Oct. 31, 1960

Dear Sir:

I would like five copies of Russian Esponage in the U. S for the last ten years.

Do you have the records of the 30 that had been affiliated with pro-communist fronts that helped on the committee to revise the Bible, put out by National Council of Churches.

I would appreciate any help I can get.

I pray the people of our land will wake up.

If there is any charge let me know.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. Leota Semones

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Sincerely

Mrs. Leota Simmons

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November 4, 1960

Mrs. Leota Semones
Route 3, Box 256
Hillsville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Semones:

In response to your request of October 31, 1960, it is a pleasure to send you five copies of "Expose of Soviet Espionage." There will be no charge.

Although I would like to be of service, I am unable to answer your other inquiry since information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential and available for official use only, pursuant to a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret that I cannot answer your inquiry and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

"Expose of Soviet Espionage."

NOTE: It has been brought to the Bureau's attention in the past that numerous individuals affiliated with the New Revised Version of the Holy Bible have been associated with leftists and communist-front groups. Above reply has been forwarded in similar instances.

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Atlanta Ga Nov-28-60

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director Federal Bearough of Invistirgation

Dear Sir.

Will you Pleas. send me Report on the men who Translated the Standard Revised Version of the Bible. I have copy of an address made before the unamirican acttiative comunity in the House of Congress. but it don't give direct Proof of the Investigation. I would also like to have something on National Cousel of Churches.

if there are any charges for printing and mailing I will be glad send it

Thanking you for any Information

L. E. Whitehead
684 N. Highland Ave N. E.
Atlanta Ga.

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Atlanta Ga Nov. 23

Mr J. Edgar Hoover.
Director Federal Bearough of Investigation
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CORRESPONDENCE

J. E. Whitehead
684 N. Highland Ave N.E.
Atlanta Ga.

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Need Standard Revised Version of Bible

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REC- 35 100-413026-29

December 5, 1960

Mr. L. E. Whitehead
684 North Highland Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

Your letter dated November 28, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the function of the FBI as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret that I am unable to grant your requests and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: It has been brought to the Bureau's attention that numerous individuals affiliated with the New Revised Version of the Holy Bible have been associated with communist-front organizations. Frequently allegations are made, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of Churches has become infiltrated by communists. We have never conducted any investigation of the organization, as such, but we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate the [illegible] group through our overall investigations of the Communist Party and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear that the Communist Party is dictating the policies of the National Council of Churches.

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December 14, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Friend in Christ, Revised Standard Version of the Bible

I am going to try to present a problem of mine to you, since I respect your understanding of both the essence and authority of God. I am not going to use your name in any kind of open controversy, but just simply want help in a decision which, I feel, will have drastic results in the development of our children spiritually, either constructive or destructive (absolute in either direction) depending on this decision being made properly or carelessly.

When the RSV Bible came to my attention two years ago, I thought it was a great commentary to the King James authorized version. After studying it, and almost coming to the conclusion that it should be in the trash can with the Russian flag, I was startled to find many Protestant churches accepting it as absolute Scripture, just as its cover designates it to be.

I do not want to ignorantly or bull-headedly fight anything that can bring people to a personal acquaintanceship with Our Father in heaven through His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

I do not want to sanction anything or teach anything as correctly doing this job, when in the long run it will do the reverse.

My own personal stand, at the moment being open to learning, is still leaning heavily toward disregarding it as Scripture. Here are some of the reasons:

I do not like:

1. Being a living being rather than a living soul.

(If this is modern English, the dictionary is either wrong or King James and God are liars.)

2. Christ being reduced from Master to Teacher.

3. Christ being born into the world to bring peace among men, and this glorifying God.

(Christ is a Master or He can bring about no new birth.)

(Christ came and died to bring peace and goodwill toward men from the Father and vice versa - to resurrect a dead covenant (as far as man's mishandling it, it died with Christ) - to create a (Luke 2:14) Sonship. Christ said," I come not to bring peace on earth but to set men at variance, etc.")

4. The Esraelites asked the Egyptians for the gold, etc.

(They borrowed - that which God had loaned to Egypt through Joseph, He was now taking away through Moses. It belonged to God. They could not ask the Egyptians for something they had no say so over. God had given it to them and removed their ability to keep it. When you say they asked, you change this to a material or superficial act.)

I could go on an on, but the picture which gets clearer and clearer in my mind is Luke 2:14.

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These basic powers, Creation - Genesis 1-6, Purpose of Christ's Teachings- Luke 2:14, and Preser[illegible] - Acts 9:5, being reduced to a little more than some kind of super man, reduces all of the Bible, since all of the Bible refers to and is based on, these powers. God had no material to build or evolve from - He did not separate something to get Light - He divided a phase of creative power (not separated). - You cannot separate something that is not in existence while division creates from infinity.

If toward is not modern English, then neither is swaddling - If Master is not modern English, then neither is Teacher - according to God's attitude toward the Patriarchs, we know Jesus was Master, and Christ brought Peace with God to man. These choices of words are obviously well placed, that our generation will read Truth into them and thereby let them stand long enough to overcome variances between Sects.

According to a WLW news broadcast a few weeks ago, it would seem to me tha Christian people are not accepting this on as large a scale as some would like; because the newscaster said, "In order to lessen variances among sects of religion, a Council of Church Leaders from all denominations are to soon make available, a Bible which can be properly interpreted by Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant alike, and can thereby be used in school."

Now this leads me to believe also, that such a common peace among men could be reached between Christianity and Communism. Even Mr. K. said, "Your grandchildren will definitely be thinking in terms of Communism.

If God is well pleased with men, because they believe the Savior who came to bring peace among men, then all I have to do is accept the Kremlin as a well-meaning, peace-loving order, and overlook its evils and God will give me Eternal Life.

You and I can read the Truth into the RSV but, if it replaces the King James, will our grandchildren, in view of the direction of social needs and pressures, and in view of the loss of Scripture as we now know it, be able to find the true God? Or will they believe the great delusion, as promised by Christ, and fall in line with one who will claim the office of Christ, as He warns us will come by a falling away from the Truth.

Please help me, pray for me - to know what stand to take, that I might aid the cause of the great humiliation of the Cross, and not waste it or defile it: that I might find peace and direction of thought on this matter. As of now, it seems to me, the theme of this book is established to a design of fading the Truth an inch or a degree at a time: designed so that my generation will read Truth into it, and our grandchildren will read it as is, since it may be purposely made difficult, by that time, for them to receive any record of the Truth, as we have known and loved.

If any office of your organization has ever looked into these possibilities of this book, then you can just simply say that you feel that I can accept it and teach it, or that I must, as a free American citizen, reject it because of possible dangerous effects on the public.

I repeat. - This is a sincere plea for help to give me a clearer direction of thought and activity. I will not use your name or office in any way, privately or publicly.

I will co-operate with you if you have anything in mind that I can do to help you with such matters, if they ever come up. Please reply.

Christ have mercy on us and teach us His path and give us His Light.

Sincerely yours,

Harold E. Owings

Harold E. Owings
412 West First Street
Springfield, Ohio

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December 28, 1960

Mr. Harold E. Owings
412 West First Street
Springfield, Ohio

Dear Mr. Owings:

Your letter postmarked December 19, 1960, has been received.

The thought prompting your writing me is appreciated, and I was very much interested in having the benefit of your observations and comments. I must advise, however, that I am unable as a matter of policy to comment along the lines you suggested, and I do hope you will appreciate my position. Enclosed are publications which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (5)
Crime Challenges the Churches
What Makes Men Strong?
God and Country or Communism?
Series from Christianity Today (10-10-60, 10-24-60, 11-7-60)
The Sunday School - Key to Tomorrow

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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24 Newton St.
Keyser, W. Va.

Jan. 14, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Probably my inquiry is quite different from most you receive but to me it is very important as this issue has been on my mind day & night. I have endeavored to find out the truths of these things but never got a defnite answer so that is the reason I'm coming to you for I know that you are very truthful & will give me an honest answer & of course you above all people know the answers to all question

I'm a very religious person & have deep convictions about God & the Bible. I devote a great part of my time working for the salvation of souls. I'm a member of the Keyser Church of the Brethren.

This is what I'd like for you to please clear up for me. All the help you can give me I'll deeply appreciate & be very grateful to you. Some of the people of our church just like the people of other churches are using the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This has caused quite a controversy especially among the Sunday School classes, in fact a certain amount of people refuse to attend classes if the new Version is used. They have heard & so have I that part of the people that helped to translate this Version were Communist & had been at one time or another affiliated with the Communist Party. They also object to it because it le out many passages that are in the King James Version & it also changes many wo to have another meaning. To substantiate this I have been listing to Dr. Carl Intyre, of Collingswood, N. J. He said that 13 or 14 of the persons who helped revise this Version were or had been at one time Communist & of course the church are commiting a great sin by using it. He says that quite a number of the Korean churches have withdrawn from the National Council of Churches because of this version being used & he is appealing to the people to personally send him money to distribute to the Korean orphans. He says the individual churches receive no cre it for their money they send as all is given through the Council of Churches. He also said the money given children at Halloween time isn't used for the needy children like people think it is. He tells of the ministers or head officials of various churches & of how they are allowing Communism to enter the churches & also how it has entered into the Council of Churches. He declares no church should be affiliated with the Council of Churches as they are contemplating on one world church & have as their head officials some people who have been or are Communist. Neither does he approve of the way the government is run. I have asked ministers of various denominations about Dr. McIntyre, & they don't care for him, as they say he is a defrocked Presybterian minister who is causing trouble among all the churches. Could this be true? He seems to want the people to know the truths about the new version of the Bible, & of the inside particulars of all churches, about the clergymen etc, & of our government. He said he had an unfair trial at the Presbyterian Council & is at present minister of the Bible Presbyterian Church at Collingswood, N. J. He seems to hold you in high regard & often refers to quotations from you. Therefore, I'd appreciate you're telling me as much as you know about Dr. McIntyre & if the Revised Version of the Bible was partly written by Communist people, & if the Council of Churches are affiliated in any way with the Communist, & where our money goes we send to missions & needy families, & if Mr. Wine who resigned from the Council of Churches to work for President Kennedy had at one time been a Communist & any other information you may give me. May I please hear from at your very earliest convenience? Thank you & may the blessings of God be yours.

Very truly yours in Christ's holy Name,
Frances K. Ludwick (Frances K. Ludwick)

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January 25, 1961

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Miss Frances K. Ludwick
24 Newton Street
Keyser, West Virginia

Dear Miss Ludwick:

Your letter postmarked January 16, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. Your concern regarding the menace of communism is certainly understandable.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (7)
17th National Convention CP USA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
God And Country or Communism Director's Speech 10-18-60
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion Expose of Soviet Espionage
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January 30, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am very concerned about the future of my country and Christianity.

I would like to have liturature concerning Communism and our churches if you have anything on that subject. I intend to show it to the Pastor of my church who refuses to believe such a thing. I will also make good use of it among the members of my church.

I read a brochure about 2 years ago written by Rev. Carl McIntire which had the names of some professors who worked on the Revision Committee which translated the Holy Bible into the Revised Standard Version. They were supposed to have been at one time affiliated with communist groups. I took it to my Pastor and he called it rubbish and threw it on his desk.

If you can verify that they did or did not I would appreciate it. I will include their names on a separate sheet of paper.

I will use what ever you send me prayerfully, and will do my part in waking up America.

God bless you.

Most Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. Ellen L. Forson
342 Cressmont Ave.
Blackwood, N. J.

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Here are the names of the professors:

1. W. Russell Bowie, Prof. Emeritus, Union Theological Seminary U.S.A.
2. Leroy Waterman, Prof. Emeritus, University of Michigan
3. Fleming James, Prof., Yale University New Haven, Conn.
4. Henry J. Cadbury, Prof. Emeritus, Harvard University Cambridge, Mass.
5. George Darl, Prof., Yale University New Haven, Conn.
6. Frederick C. Grant, Prof., Union Theological Seminary U.S.A.
7. Luther A. Weigle, Prof., Yale University New Haven, Conn.
8. Millar Burrows., Prof., Yale University New Haven, Conn.

January 30, 1961

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I am very concerned about the future of my country and Christianity.

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February 6, 1961

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Mrs. Ellen L. Forson
342 Cressmont Avenue
Blackwood, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Forson:

Your letter of January 30, 1961, has been received, and the concern which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
God and Country or Communism?
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
10-18-60 Speech
What You can do to fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: It has previously been brought to the Bureau's attention that numerous individuals associated with the Newly Revised Version of the Holy Bible have been affiliated with communist front groups. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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1 - Mr. Simpson

February 10, 1961

REC-73 100-393026-33

Mrs. S. E. Armentrout
Route 1, Box 25AA
Colonial Heights, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Armentrout:

I have received your postal card postmarked February 3, 1961, and your interest in communicating with me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting upon the version of the Bible you mentioned or the individuals responsible for its preparation.

I am enclosing some material, however, available for general distribution by the FBI, which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mrs. S. E. Armentrout

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requested any information we have on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. She desires proof, if we have it, that it was written in part by communists. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

The Bureau has received numerous comments concerning the Revised Standard Version of the Bible and there have been some allegations that persons responsible for its preparation have in the past been associated with communist front organizations.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent.

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "The Communists Are After Our Minds."
3. "Communist Party, USA."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
5. "America - Freedom's Champion."

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Dear Sir:

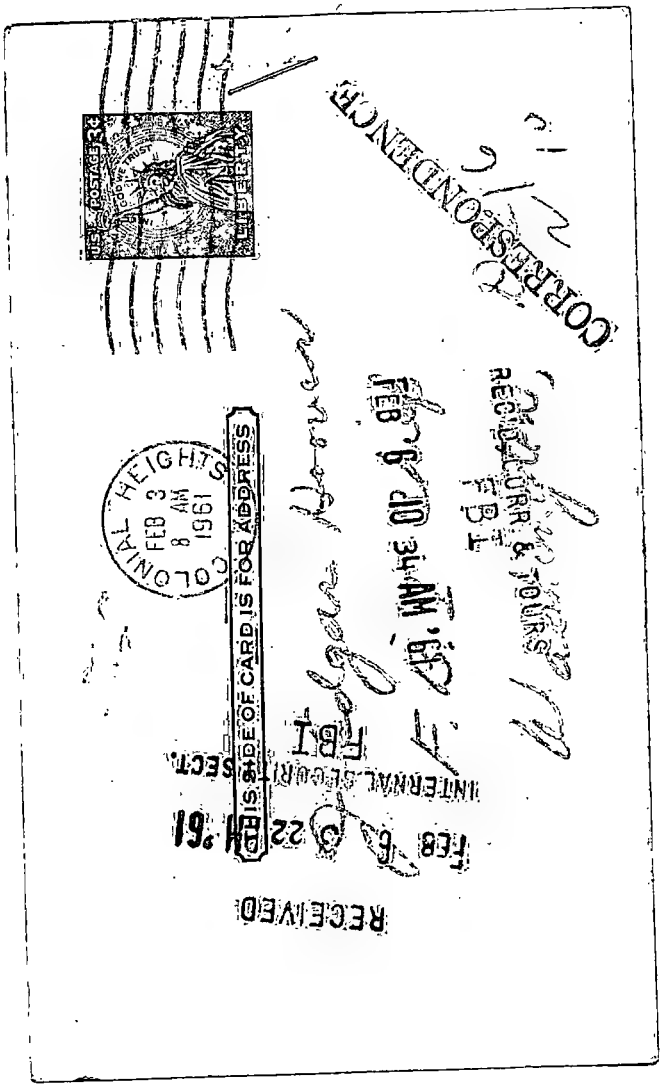
Please send to me any information you may have on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. I would like proof - if you have it, that it was written in part by communists.

Thank you

/s/ Mrs. S. E. Armentrout
Route 1, Box 25AA
Colonial Heights,
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"Revised Standard Version of The Bible -



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Park River N. Dak
May 15 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I recently heard a tape recording of an ex-communist, Kenneth Goff. He gave the following names as communists behind the writing of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. I would like to know if these men were actually communists, if so I can not recommend that Bible for children as he stated they took away the Deity from Christ. I will give the names of the colleges with which they were affilliated. If you cannot give this information tell me where I can find out whether it is true or not.

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George Dahl - Yale
Frederick C. Grant Union Theological Seminary
Leroy Waterman - University of Michigan
Millar Burrows - Yale
Fleming James University of South

Let me hear soon.

Yours truly,
/s/ Mrs. Edmund Lunde

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Park River N. Dak
May 15 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

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Let me hear from

yours truly

Mrs G A [illegible]

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Box 17
Spanishburg W. Va.
November 1, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Director Of F. B. I.

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that the Methodist Church, as well as other protestant Denominations, is being infiltrated by communism and communistic preachers. I belong to a country circuit of Methodist Churches in West Virginia called The Spanishburg Charge. The charge consists of four Churches. They are located at Kegley, Bethel, Lashmeet and Spanishburg. Our pastor is Ernest Boyd.

The Revised Standard Version of the Bible is being adopted in our Churches and is causing much controversy.

I have been told that you have a list of the names, also the back-ground of those who translated the Revised Standard Version, and that quite a few, if not all of them have been connected with subversive elements in our Country. I would appreciate it very much if you have the information concerning the Translators, in pamphlet form, and would send me three copies to the above address.

Respectfully Yours,
Mrs. Virginia Stepp
Mrs. Virginia Stepp

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REC- 49 100-413026-35

November 7, 1961

Mrs. Virginia Stepp
Box 17
Spanishburg, West Virginia

Dear Mrs. Stepp:

Your letter of November 1, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
A View of Reality
The Deadly Contest
"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Correspondent and The Spanishburg Charge cannot be identified in Bufiles. It is well known to the Bureau that several translators of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have been affiliated with communist front organizations.

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Scottdale Pa.
Nov., 18, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F. B. I.

Dear Sir:

I am writing in behalf of My Church, which is the E. U. B.

There has been charges and counter charges, that the Communist are working thru the Church. That they worked on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. And also on the New English Translation.

I would like to know first hand whether these charges are true? Or not and how we can help combat such actions? Thank You in advance-

/s/ Edgar J. Lynn
Star Route
Scottdale Pa.

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Scottdale, Pa.
Nov. 18, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F.B.I.
Dear Sir:

I am writing in behalf of my Church, which is the E.M.B.

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I would like to know first hand whether these Charges are true? or not. Ed how we can help Combat such Actions? Thank You in Advance-

Edgar J. Lynn
Star Route
Scottdale Pa.

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November 24, 1961

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Mr. Edgar J. Lynn
Star Route
Scottdale, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Your letter of November 18, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions concerning any organization, publication or individual. Consequently, I am not in a position to comment regarding the matters you mentioned.

With respect to your question as to how you can counter the communist threat, I have always encouraged our citizens to educate themselves to the true nature and methods of the communist movement in order that they may intelligently resist the zealous efforts of its adherents to destroy our form of government. This knowledge also helps to avoid the danger of confusing communism with legitimate dissent on controversial issues. We cannot use vigilante action or action outside the law in combating communism. It is suggested that you may desire to read my book, "Masters of Deceit," which relates to the story of communism in America and how to fight it. You may be able to obtain a copy of it at your local library.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism and religion you may wish to read.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Edgar J. Lynn

Enclosures (4)
Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
God and Country or Communism?
Series from Christianity Today - The Communist Menace

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Roy L. Martin
P. O. Box 195
Petrolia, Texas

J. Edger Hoover
Director of F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

New Revised Edition of the Bible

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Will you please send me the names of all the men that wrote the American Standard Revised Edition of the Holy BiBle, How many years they were writing the Revised Edition, the church they belong to, were any of the writers communists or have any turned communists since the Revised Editions been wrote.

I am

/s/ Roy L. Martin

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ROY L. MARTIN
P. O. BOX 195
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January 19, 1962

Mr. Roy L. Martin
Post Office Box 195
Petrolia, Texas

Dear Mr. Martin:

Your letter postmarked January 14, 1962, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI does not have the type of data you requested available for distribution. It is suggested that you may wish to write directly to the publishers of the book you mentioned for some of the answers to your inquiries. With regard to your other questions, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data relating to the subjects about which you asked.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general topic of communism you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
Director's Criss Award Speech, 12-7-61, The Faith to be Free
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
The Communist Party Line
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
NOTE: Buffles contain no record identifiable with correspondent.

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1964 Lionel St.
Augusta, Ga.
August 10, 1962

Dear Mr. Hoover,

For 3 years I've wanted to write and ask you about the 25 men who translated the "American Revised Standard Version" of the Bible- But have hesitated, knowing you must be very busy, & doubtful that would have the time to answer me. People have said (several) that 8 of the 25 men are Communists. Others say that statement is nonesense - or gossip or backbiting - Christians are getting to the point where they fight among themselves so much, it's sometimes difficult to know who to believe.

When I was really & truly Saved (accepted Christ as my personal Saviour) I pulled out of the Southern Baptist Convention of which I'd been member about 15 yrs. & all the rest of my family still are. Just couldn't go along with athesists teaching in their schools- & men like E. H. Purden- pastor of First Baptist Church there in D. C. building a Memorial to Harry Emerson Fodstick- Fodstick wrote article in Readers Digest (2 or 3 yrs. ago) saying people that believe in hell after death are just ignorant- Fodstick certainly has the right to believe what he likes- But E. H. Purden certainly don't have the right to take the Lords money & build a memorial to someone who according to our belief calls God a liar- Things like this are multiplied over & over- But I haven't kept any A. P. news reports- And after 5 yrs. my relatives & some friends have started asking me to come back in the Convention. (First they were angry) Truly I don't mind 'standing," but I am tired of having people say "where did you get that from" etc everytime I tell them why I can't support the convention- Just like we Independent, Missionary Baptist (fundamental or orthodox) are hate mongers or something- I know the A. S. V. Bible calls Christ "A" Son of God instead of the only begotten Son of God- Mary "A young woman" instead of a virgin- & other things changed or left out- Some friends say "Well, the correct defination for virgin means a "young woman" so why should I critize men in my ignorance for speaking correctly?? According to the medical profession I think a woman could be 90 yrs. old & still be a virgin-

If you have any information that 8 of these translators are Communists, you don't know how much I'd appreciate it. Are these 8 men card carrying communists or communists dupes?? Actually when they put us all on a "Collective farm" somewhere, it won't really matter weather they were carrying the little card in their billfold or not, while we were sleeping-

It's terrible to say, but so many of our political leaders seemed to have gone haywire, & our spiritual leaders aren't any better. There just isn't anyone all different church groups would believe, as well as Republican or

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Democrat, except the F. B. I. Goldwater, Billy Graham and everybody or group that wishes to runs a dailey column in newspapers nowdays- So is there anyway you could write a column once or twice weekly- It's the only way to alert the average American to what a Communist is- You could write one series on how they affect & what specific things they're doing & have done in our schools. Another series on the Church Communist- etc. How can we anything intangible unless we know more about it-

For instance I know perfectly well Dr. Norman V. Peale is not a Communist, but I read his newspaper article for months just to see if he'd mention the name of Jesus Christ & he didn't- nor even once- No doubt he's a kind & sweet person, but can you please tell me how we laymen can tell the difference between a "Wolf in sheeps clothing" Communists & a modernists that just doesn't wish to offend anyone?? Social Gospel rather than the Gospel of Christ. Such modernists won't life up the name of Christ, or the death, burial & ressurection- Surely a Communist wouldn't either- yet surely there is a difference between the two- But what is it?? Christ said "he that is not with me is againest me, & he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad. How can we possible tell the difference?? They both try to make the gospel of none affect.

If you would only write a column for all to see, I sincerely believe the laymen would kick the Communists out if they knew their names-

Please send me any information that would help us- & I'll see that everyone in our church is made more aware of Communists in the church as well as the hundreds of folks we from the church visit on Thursdays-

Best regards and thank you,

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. Joyce Carter

P. S.

People wouldn't mind fighting this thing & many are anxious to, but it's like "beating the air" without concrete evidence in our hands to back up what we say. & I don't believe some folks will believe anything unless it's from the F. B. I.

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August 15, 1962

Mrs. Joyce Carter
1964 Lionel Street
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Carter:

Your letter of August 10th has been received. I appreciate the thoughts which prompted you to write and wish to thank you for furnishing me your comments and observations.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to answer your inquiry and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have the specific data you requested.

Enclosed is some material I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
NBC Statement on Communism, 7-15-62
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Deadly Duel

NOTE: Correspondent not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Mountain View, Mo.
Jan 9, 1963

Director of F.B.I.
The Honorable
J Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

I am writing you again for information I hope you will be kind enough to give me.

I have read exerps frome one of your books a friend of mine had concerning the new Revised Standard edition of the Bible and the Authors of it.

Could you tell me where I might purchase a copy of this book and the Exact Title of it.

I value your letters and have the highest regard for a man in your position who will help an individual citizen get a clarification of such things as the UNICEF. etc. I received my literature on that subject not long after you forwarded my letter on to the proper authorities.

I am confused about the new translations of the Revised Standard of the Bible and would like to have your book for my library.

Thank you so much for your time & keep up the fight for freedom I remember you in my prayers & Thank God for a man like you.

Sincerely

/s/ Mrs. V. M. Jackson

box 71
Mtn. View, Mo.

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Dear Sir:

I am writing you an again for information I hope you will be kind enough to give me.

I have read extracts from one of your books a friend of mine had concerning the New Revised Standard Edition of the Bible and the Authors of it. ST-119 REC-43 ~~100-413026-34~~ 100-413026-39

Could you tell me where I might purchase a copy of this book and the Exact title of it.

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I value your letters and have the highest re-

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Mrs. V. M. Jackson

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January 17, 1963

Mrs. V. M. Jackson
Box 71
Mountain View, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

Your letter of January 9th has been received, and I want to thank you for your very kind remarks and prayers.

With respect to your inquiry, I can assure you that I have never made the comments you indicated in any of my publications. Also, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mrs. V. M. Jackson

A View of Reality
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
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The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals (Christianity Today)

NOTE: Bufiles indicate our only previous correspondence with Mrs. Jackson was in January, 1962. She was inquiring about UNICEF, and her communication was referred to the State Department. The Bureau is aware that several of the translators of the Standard Revised Version of the Bible have been affiliated with communist-front organizations.

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May 17, 1963

J. Edgar Hoover Chief,
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr: Hoover;

My request is brief;

Could you please tell me, if to your knowkedge, whether or not any of the scholars responsible for the translation of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, has at any time, been questioned by the government, about Commist connections.

If so, I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know where I can get more information on this matter.

In closing, I have read your book "Masters of Deceit", and I think that this book should be required reading for all high school students.

I am enclosing a postage paid envelope.

Respectfully Yours,

E. Vernon Hollifield
Shoe Lane, Inc.
28 S. Main St.
Marion, N.C.

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CORRESPONDENCE

May 22, 1963

Mr. E. Vernon Hollifield
Shoe Lane, Inc.
28 South Main Street
Marion, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hollifield:

Your letter of May 17th, with enclosure, has been received.

It was thoughtful of you to comment about my book, "Masters of Deceit," and I am glad to know of the high regard you have for it.

Information in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In addition, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and cannot make evaluations nor draw conclusions concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files concerning the matter to which you referred. I am certain you will understand my position.

Regarding a source from which the information you desire may be acquired, I regret that no such source comes readily to mind.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Hollifield is not identifiable in Bufiles. He furnished a self-addressed, stamped envelope utilized in reply.

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Zion
United Church of Christ
Wathena, Kansas

Gerald I. Nolte, Pastor

Telephone 989-4633

March 3, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have before me a letter from the Southwest Radio Church, P. O. Box 1144, Oklahoma City 1, Oklahoma, which states that 38 of the scholars which worked on the translation of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible had belonged to Communist-Front organizations. The letter goes on to list the following nine scholars and the number of Communist-Front organizations with which they were affiliated. The men and the number of affiliations are:

W. Russell Bowie with 29 affiliations
Leroy Waterman with 25 affiliations
Fleming James with 22 affiliations
Henry J. Cadbury with 13 affiliations
George Dahl with 13 affiliations
William Y. Bell with 10 affiliations
Frederick C. Grant with 8 affiliations
Luther A. Weigle with 6 affiliations
Millar Burrows with 5 affiliations

Possible Communist Sympathizer

all U.S.

Since I have been informed that the FBI has a file on all known Communist in the United States, would you please inform me if the names of the men listed above are considered to be Communist by the FBI? If it is true that all or any of the above listed men have been associated with a Communist-Front organization, when were they associated with a Front organization? Are they still a member of any Communist-Front organization?

Thank you for your information.

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4 MAR 11 1964

Sincerely

Gerald I. Nolte

Gerald I. Nolte, Pastor

CORRESPONDENCE

9-46-49621, 49510

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62- 109230-11

March 9, 1964

Mr. Gerald I. Nolte
Zion United Church of Christ
Wathena, Kansas

EX 101

Dear Mr. Nolte:

Your letter of March 3, 1964, has been received.

While I would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In addition, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the individuals you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
Faith in Freedom
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. No derogatory information appears in Bufiles regarding Southwest Radio Church. For purpose of reply, the individuals mentioned were not checked through Bufiles.

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Wesley Chapel Methodist Church

BILLY DOYLE GAITHER
MINISTER

216 SOUTH SAGE AVENUE

Mobile, Alabama

March 22, 1964

CHURCH OFFICE:

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Mr. Sullivan
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Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me any info you may have about subversive affiliations that any members of the clergy who helped translate the Revised Standard Version of the Bible might have. I think it is only fair to tell you that I feel that these accusations are irresponsible, but I would like to get any information that you are at liberty to give. There are many accusations today against the National Council of Churches and certain clergymen in regard to subversive activites and I would like any any information that you may be able to give me.

I express my gratitude to you for the distinguished service that you have given and continue to give as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Billy Gaither

Billy D. Gaither

BDG:rn

MAR 23 1964

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REC 14

62-106670-42

March 25, 1964

Reverend Billy Doyle Gaither
Wesley Chapel Methodist Church
216 South Sage Avenue
Mobile, Alabama

Billy Doyle Gaither

Dear Mr. Gaither:

I have received your letter of March 22nd and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped that my future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiry, I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the matter you mentioned.

MAILED 8
MAR 25 1964
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The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. Its efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

Mr. Tolson
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Reverend Billy Doyle Gaither

Regrettably, there is a tendency on the part of some to make exaggerated charges as to the extent of communist success in gaining influence within legitimate organizations and segments of our society, such as our religious institutions. We must continually be alert to communist attempts to penetrate and influence; however, our efforts must be rational and objective.

I am enclosing some material I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
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P. O. Box 222
Raymond, Mississippi 39154
September 27, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Re: Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently my husband was given a copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible as a gift by his Sunday School class. I asked him not to use it as communists had helped write it.

On page 127-128 in the chapter on Subverting Our Religious Heritage in John Stormer's book None Dare Call It Treason is stated:

> "For example, the Congressional hearings on the much-smeared Air Reserve Training Manual cited the names of a few leading fellow-travelers in the ministry. They included: Walter Russell Bowie who has affiliated with 33 communist fronts and causes, Henry J. Cadbury, with nine, George Dahl with 18, Leroy Waterman with 20 and Fleming James with a verified total of 25 affiliations with communist fronts and causes.
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> "These five men and 25 others with records of support for communist causes, served on the committee of 95 Bible scholars, translators, and theologians who produced the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible. While less than three per cent of Protestant ministers have affiliated in any way with communist fronts and causes, on this one important project nearly 30% of the participants have been so affiliated."

After reading this my husband asked for proof. Could you furnish him such proof? I would like to have copies to send to our Pastor and the newspapers in Jackson.

EX-108 REC 39 / 00-41302G-43

The history of the United States will record that J. Edgar Hoover was one of her truly great men. Our country has been stronger and more secure against its enemies because of your many years of service. We are very grateful to you.

OCT 5 1967

Sincerely,

Irene Abernathy

Mrs. Merrill M. Abernathy

CORRESPONDENCE

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October 4, 1967

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REC 39 100-411302 6-43

Mrs. Merrill M. Abernathy, Irene Abernathy
Post Office Box 222
Raymond, Mississippi 39154

Dear Mrs. Abernathy:

Although I would like to be of assistance, with respect to the inquiry set forth in your letter of September 27th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

Your kind comments regarding my work are indeed appreciated, and I hope my future efforts will merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 19
OCT 4 1967
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Messrs. Bowie, Cadbury, Dahl, Waterman and James all have been associated with communist front organizations.

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WASHDC Revised Version of the Bible

HAVE ANY COMMUNISTS OR THEIR SYMPATHIZERS PARTICIPATED IN REVISING EDITIONS OF HOLY BIBLE SINCE 1950? PLEASE REPLY BY COLLECT NIGHT LETTER

THOMAS KERR 511 1/2 FORD LAKE CHARLES LA

(22).

REC-35 [illegible]

5 FEB 28 1968

Telegram to Kerr
2-27-68
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FEB 1968

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

2-27-68

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TELEGRAM URGENT

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MR. THOMAS KERR
511 1/2 FORD
LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

IN REPLY TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF FEBRUARY TWENTY-SIXTH, I CANNOT FURNISH DATA YOU ARE SEEKING SINCE INFORMATION IN FBI FILES MAINTAINED AS CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Kerr on basis of available data.

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L. R. Atcher
P O Box 553
Elizabethtown, Ky
----42701----
Aug 31 -- 70

Mr. J Edgar Hoover. F.B.I.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been informed by a good friend that he read an article attributed to you or maybe by you about the 20 twenty men who wrote the 1966 edition of the Bible. If you did can I obtain copies of it?

Sincerely

L. R. Atcher

P.S. I will be glad to pay for them.

Revised Version of the Bible

EX 106

REC- 61 100-413026-45

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CORRESPONDENCE

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September 4, 1970

Mr. L. R. Atcher
Post Office Box 553
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701

Dear Mr. Atcher:

In reply to your letter of August 31st, I did not prepare an article such as you mentioned. I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

MAILED 22
SEP 4 1970
COMM-FBI

NOTE: One Lawrence Roscoe Atcher at a union meeting of the Transport Workers Union in 1947 alleged that the Transport Workers Union in Louisville, Kentucky was communist controlled. He was tried by Union Trial Committee and expelled from the union and discharged from his job. He thereafter sued the union for reinstatement. Atcher agreed to an employee vote as to whether he should be reinstated and was decisively defeated.

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